

THE WEATHER Generally fair and much colder to-day; to grow fair and continued cold; to-morrow northwest winds.

Harris Key to Elwell Death, Police Think

If Not Slayer, He May Be Tool of Real Murderer in Effort to Obscure Trail, Is New Theory

Whitman to Grill Youth at Buffalo

Leaves To-day With Captain of Homicide Squad to Test Out Confession

Convinced that Roy Harris holds the key to the solution of the Elwell murder, Charles S. Whitman, special assistant district attorney, and Captain of Police Arthur Carey, head of the Homicide Squad, will leave to-day for Buffalo to question the youth who insists that he and another man slew the turfman at the behest of a woman.

They are not ready to accept the confession of Harris, nor will they yet brand it as false. "If Harris didn't kill Elwell," Mr. Whitman said yesterday, "he was induced to own to the crime by some one who had a powerful reason for desiring to divert suspicion from himself."

Mr. Whitman and Captain Carey, there is good reason to believe, hope to learn from Harris who it was that was so anxious to draw a red herring across the trail of the real murderer that he was able to persuade Harris to place himself in the shadow of the electric chair.

If they succeed in getting this information they feel sure it will be a comparatively simple proposition to bring to book the real slayer of Elwell. Cause of Arrest Secret

It was definitely established yesterday that there was nothing to the original report that Harris had been taken into custody by a Buffalo policeman, who recognized him as a man wanted in St. Catharines, Ont., for forgery. The St. Catharines police have no interest whatever in Harris.

At the same time it was learned that the policeman who arrested Harris did so on information he received in Kingston, Ont., just across the Canadian line from Buffalo. What the nature of this information is was not divulged, but it is thought that Mr. Whitman and Captain Carey know what it is and that they will be able to disclose the identity, not only of the person or persons who induced Harris to make his confession, but of the murderer.

The first impression New York police and prosecuting officials gained from the confession of Harris was that his story was either the outcropping of a disaffected mind or the fanciful imaginings of a drug fiend. But those impressions have been completely dissipated by the results of an examination of the prisoner by a noted alienist. This expert's opinion leaves but two hypotheses open for consideration.

Roy Harris either killed Elwell or he is the tool of the person who did kill him. Must Reach a Decision

It was realized yesterday that the Buffalo police would not hold Harris a prisoner indefinitely without some charge being lodged against him, even though he has confessed to murder. This was one reason Mr. Whitman and Captain Carey decided to lose no time in getting to Buffalo. After they have questioned Harris they expect to be in a position to determine at once whether or not he is to be brought to New York.

Yesterday afternoon the Special Assistant District Attorney and Captain Carey visited the Elwell house and made careful note of every detail of the premises and furnishings. They were able to question Harris thoroughly and there is a chance that up on his story it is possible to do so. Harris already has related a number of incidents that fail to coincide with the known facts in the case. Mr. Whitman and Captain Carey are regarding the arrangement of the house and an account given to Harris, upon the truth or falsity of his confession will be positively established.

Harding Pays High Tribute To Tribune's Notable Service

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON April 9, 1921.

My dear Mr. Reid: I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to the New York Tribune on its eightieth birthday, and to express the hope that this great paper, so intimately associated with the history of the Republican Party, and with so notable a record of service, may continue to serve the best interests of this nation in the future as it has in the past.

Very truly yours, Warren G. Harding

Two Shoplifters Police Class De Luxe Yield Pounds of Drugs

Store Detective Started as Dignified Couple Slip Dress From Counter, and Almost Lets Them Go

Break Down Before Police Have \$4,200 in Narcotics Checked at Waldorf and More at the Vanderbilt

They were such an eminently respectable couple that even the store detective doubted the evidence of his eyes. No woman in the suit and dress department of the Thirty-fourth Street department store could compare with her for unobtrusive good taste in apparel, or for that poise and dignity which imply breeding and brains.

As for the man, his proper frame would be that of a Fifth Avenue club. He was Van Bibber at fifty-keen, erect, with aquiline features and the look of success and well-earned leisure about him. His garb was as precisely suited to his type as that of the woman, who was delicately fingering the contents of her handbag.

His Eyes Are Vindicated At his request they accompanied him to the office, protesting with chill, indignant phrases against this indignity. At the office the store detective's vision is said to have been vindicated by the discovery of the \$49.50 Saturday afternoon special beneath the woman's cloak. Detective Phelan and Ford were summoned from the West Third Street police station.

Drugs Are Discovered In a packet of William's immaculate coat the detective discovered a small check from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. One of them went there to it, while the other started for the Hotel Vanderbilt. On presenting the check at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, two packages of about a pound's weight were turned over to them.

Kidnapped Alcohol Driver Spits to Trap Thieves

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Republicans Here to Vote Hyman Probe

Entire New York County Delegation Unites for Inquiry as 9 Brooklyn Men Quit Livingston

Bronx Chief Joins Koenig in Demand Action Here Breaks Deadlock Over Question of Inquiry on City Rule

The thirteen Republican Assemblymen and three Republican Senators from New York County unanimously decided yesterday to vote for a legislative investigation of the New York City government on the lines suggested by Governor Miller.

Six Brooklyn Republican Assemblymen and three Republican Senators have deserted Elections Commissioner Jacob A. Livingston in his attempted coalition with Tammany. The Senator and the Assemblyman from Richmond County also have repudiated their county leader, James P. Thompson and joined with those in favor of a legislative inquiry into New York City affairs.

Richard W. Lawrence, Republican leader of the Bronx, has joined with President Koenig of the New York County Committee in supporting Governor Miller in his plan to have a thoroughgoing investigation of city departments.

Joseph A. DeBragga, the Queens leader, stands with Livingston in opposition to any kind of legislative investigation, but the combined strength of Livingston and DeBragga is so shattered that President Koenig predicted last night that when the roll is called on the resolution to probe the city government under Hearst-Hyman-Tammany control the vote will be unanimous.

The action yesterday of the New York County Assemblymen is regarded as the deciding factor in the deadlock over the proposed investigation. The legislative leaders will hold a conference in Albany on Monday to agree upon the scope of the investigation.

Question Fully Discussed President Koenig of the New York County Committee presided yesterday at the conference of New York County legislators. The subject of gain or loss from a legislative investigation was discussed at length. President Koenig predicted that the public sentiment demanded support for Governor Miller in his desire to abolish graft and extravagance and put an end to manifest abuses.

Three Senators and thirteen Assemblymen unanimously voted for a charter investigation on the lines suggested by Governor Miller. The charter investigation was generally conceded that New York City government needs reorganization in the interest of economy.

It also was conceded by those in the conference that a careful investigation of the practical workings of the various departments will disclose that they in some degree overlap each other, that they are overmanned, and that many bureaus can be abolished to the positive benefit of the city and without incurring any department or bureau.

When asked if Commissioner Livingston's attitude of opposition was likely to continue, the New York County members favor an inquiry, Mr. Koenig said: "Every man is responsible for his own acts, have no desire to comment on the acts of any one else. My information is that a majority of the Senators and Assemblymen from the city will support a resolution calling for an investigation and the scope of the investigation and the persons to be investigated doubtless will be arranged in Albany on Monday."

Price in British Mine Strike is Forecast

Agree to Meet Owners

Flood Menace to Mines Grows Serious Some Pits May Be Permanently Ruined

LONDON, April 9.—The menace to the British coal mines of the strike of the employees and the stoppage of pumping was explained by mining authorities to-day as being most serious, owing to volumes of water from seepage, which in some cases amount to thousands of gallons hourly, requiring the constant operation of powerful pumps.

The extent of the danger is suggested by reports that water is rushing into the Glamorgan collieries at the rate of three thousand gallons a minute and into the naval colliery at the rate of fifteen thousand gallons an hour. Director Llewellyn of the Glamorgan collieries declared to-day that because of the flooding it was likely that the pits, which have the most modern equipment in Great Britain, would be closed forever.

Concession Comes After All Hope of Peace Had Been Abandoned; Wage Nationalization Hinted

Workers Will Let Pumpers Operate

Nation Will Continue to Protect Public; Huge Reserve Army Mobilized

LONDON, April 9 (By The Associated Press).—The strike of the coal miners, which threatened to carry with it a general strike of the railwaymen and transport workers, seems now to be in a fair way of settlement through negotiation.

The dispute throughout has been fruitful of surprises, and another was sprung to-night, when, after conferences and interviews between the parties concerned lasting all day long, and when it was supposed that all effort to move the miners had proved ineffectual, it suddenly was announced that a conference with the coal owners had been convened for Monday to discuss the questions involved, while notices were sent to the mining districts urging abstention from any action that would interfere with necessary measures for the safety of the mines.

Whether the rumors that the government is willing that the wage question should be adjusted on a national basis may be held to explain the change in the situation is unknown. If, as Mr. Hodges suggests, the government and mine owners really have agreed to an accord, the action interfering with measures necessary for insuring the safety of the mines, or necessitating the use of force by the government.

The statement was issued by Mr. Hodges and J. H. Thomas, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, and Mr. Thomas, in an interview, said it was the result of negotiations between the railwaymen, transport workers and the government, and had been accepted by the miners.

Optimistic View Expressed Concerning the probability of a settlement, the Press Association says: "There is definite hope that the negotiations will proceed smoothly, and that the strike will be ended by the railwaymen and transport workers." It is believed that the government will be able to bring about negotiations between the miners and the government. After the third interview between a delegation of railwaymen and transport workers with the Premier at Downing Street, lasting ninety minutes, J. H. Thomas and Harry Gosling, leaders of the transport workers, reported that the government was going to discuss matters again with the miners, but would not see the Premier again until to-morrow.

At this conference Sir Eric Geddes, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Robert S. Home, Austen Chamberlain and other members of the government were present. Later the Prime Minister went to Buckingham Palace and had an audience with the King.

Wage Nationalization Hinted During the day it was reported that provided the pumping difficulty could be surmounted, the government was not averse to negotiating the wage question on a national basis, as sought by the miners. It is not absolutely certain, however, that the government will go that far with respect to wages. The Cabinet to-day sanctioned measures to insure the safety of the mines and batches of naval ratings were sent to Wales and Scotland to protect the policy to transport workers, together with additional troops to aid the civil authorities in the maintenance of public order.

The War Office announces that Lieut. ...

Peon Killer Gets Life and 3 Sons Flee

Planner Collapses When Verdict is Given and Wife and Children Burst Into Sobs; Will Appeal

Fugitives Reported To Be in Mexico

Indictments Against the Younger Williames Are Sought in 3 Murders

Special Dispatch to The Tribune COVINGTON, Ga., April 9.—John S. Williams, wealthy planter, Jasper County, was found guilty to-day by a jury of murder in connection with peonage charges which had been made against him. The jury recommended mercy. The verdict automatically carried with it a sentence of life imprisonment.

Williams collapsed in court after the verdict was returned. On the heels of Williams's conviction it became known that his three sons, Huland, Leroy and Marvin, are reported missing. They are believed to have fled either to Texas or Mexico, after having negotiated a loan at Monticello, near which place they lived.

In connection with the report that the three sons are missing, Solicitor General Doyle Campbell of Jasper County, announced to-night that he would demand indictments on Monday by the Jasper County Grand Jury for the death of "Blackstrap," "Iron Jaw," and an unidentified negro who met death before the eleven murders were alleged to have been committed on Williams's plantation. The three sons of Williams are accused of these murders.

Two Thrown in River "Blackstrap" was killed on Huland's farm, but the other two negroes were said to have been taken out in a canoe on the Ocmulgee River just after "Blackstrap" was killed. They were thrown into the stream. They were witnesses to the killing of "Blackstrap."

There have been reports that the three Williams boys might be in the hands of Federal agents, but they are not. Both Federal and state agents and members of the family connected with the case are expected to see the young men have departed for parts unknown.

Williams was convicted specifically of the murder of Lindsey Peterson, a negro farm hand, whose body, bound and weighted with a sack of rocks, was found with that of another negro employee on Williams's farm in Yellow River, the Lincoln county, just near the line of Jasper County. Bodies of nine other negroes, said to have been killed to conceal peonage conditions, have been found buried on the farm elsewhere.

Williams's collapse to-day was thought to be due to the fact that his wife and his children were sobbing violently as the verdict was read. This emotion, which he had not previously shown, was said to have been the cause of his collapse. A motion for a new trial will be heard by Judge John B. Hutcheson at Decatur, Ga., on April 30. Williams said he would not appeal. He gave up their fight and they declare that they will carry it to the highest court.

Lenine Forming Czechs to Join International Allied Advance, Army of Reds Berlin Believes

More Than 100,000 Troops Are Said Already to Have Been Organized as Basis of Communistic Host

Were in Cronstadt Fight

German Spartacists Among Recruits; New Peasant Revolution in Siberia

RIGA, Latvia, April 9 (By The Associated Press).—A new "international army," which is expected to be the basis of a huge force to be available ultimately to enforce the dictates of the Third Internationale, is rapidly being organized in Russia, replacing the old Red army, according to information received here from authentic sources. It already numbers more than 100,000 carefully selected Communists who participated in the first actions at Cronstadt.

This force is said to be the only one on which the Bolshevik leaders can actually count for effective action, as the demoralization of the old army is spreading rapidly. It is even declared that a number of German-Spartacists who recently reached Russia, joined the new army to receive training for future employment in Germany.

There is no sign of any immediate offensive campaign, the Soviet apparently depending for the present on its propaganda directed toward fomenting strikes and unrest. Since demoralization and lack of discipline precludes military ventures, it is pointed out, the Soviet is extending its propaganda and establishing new bureaus abroad.

A Lithuanian investigator who has just returned from Russia, reports that the Bolsheviks are stronger politically in the interior since the Cronstadt affair, but economically their position continues to be becoming worse and he looks for a food crisis in June.

Peasant riots in Western Siberia are reported in advices received here from Moscow to-day. The peasants have revived the so-called Green army and have occupied Tobolsk, cutting off the town from the Transsiberian railroad, the advices say.

German Officials Insist They Can't Pay and Call for an Inquiry by Neutrals

Ready to Co-operate for Collection of Indemnity in New Movements Expected, Says Der Tag

Defiant Toward Entente

By Joseph Shaplen

Berlin, April 9.—Der Tag says it has been informed authoritatively that Czecho-Slovakia is ready to cooperate with France in further economic and military sanctions if the Ruhr is occupied after May 1. Occupation of the Ruhr may be accompanied by similar action in the East, particularly in Silesia, the newspaper says.

According to Der Tag, military movements are to be carried out in Glatz, French and the Poles will cooperate. The Czechs are to occupy Glatz and Waldenberg, the Poles Upper Silesia and the other forces of the Entente the rest of Silesia. Upper Silesia is to be occupied as far as the line running through Militsch, Oels, Oelau, Streichen, Schweidnitz, Freiberg, Hirschberg, Greiffenberg and Seidenberg.

French officers now in Prague are working out the details of the occupation. Germany, however, does not fear further Allied penalties and threats of the occupation of the Ruhr, the Tribunes correspondent was told to-day in highest official quarters. He was informed that Germany is not planning to make a new reparations offer and that she stands on the proposal that a neutral commission determine Germany's ability to pay and that she will abide by its decision.

Wriand's Policy Attacked The threat to seize the Ruhr and German private property, if carried out, will not produce the result expected by the French. The highest official was told, "for the people cannot be compelled to work at the point of a bayonet." Briand's policy will result in a new wave of strikes and will further deplete Germany's resources and ability to pay, the Germans say.

The correspondent was told frankly that Germany would welcome the advent of pre-war gold capital, really in the form of a loan, and that she would be glad to see the French government's ability to pay, the Germans say.

Missing Balloon Found With No Trace of Crew

Five Navy Men Believed Lost Off Florida Coast From Partly Submerged Craft

Special Dispatch to The Tribune PANAMA CITY, Fla., April 9.—The naval balloon that vanished after leaving the Pensacola air station with a crew of five men nineteen days ago, was found last night partly submerged in the Gulf of Mexico about twenty miles off St. Andrews, Fla. The bag and basket were brought to this city by a motor fishing boat operated by Roy Eckert.

No trace of the crew was found. The basket was floating upright. The gas bag was almost completely deflated and the crew under water long enough to be seen by the members of the fishing boat who reported their discovery. It is suggested that the bag might have settled on the coast, the belief prevailing here that the men lost their lives shortly after they reported by carrier pigeon that their aircraft was sinking and drifting out into the Gulf.

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Ghost-Proof Jury Is Chosen For \$10,000 Ouija Board Suit

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The suit is brought by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waters. They charge that the defendant, Mrs. Albert Yost, of Lockport, allowed the ouija board to persuade her that they had robbed her home of ten pounds of raisins, a peck of potatoes and a carrot. Mrs. Yost admits she made the statement, but excuses it, saying she believed in ghosts.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs summarily challenged a half dozen jurors who confessed to a belief in ghosts. One was Frank Smith, a farmer.

"Sure," he said, "I believe in ghosts. I remember seeing one when I was a kid. I don't know anything about ouija boards, but there might be something in them." He was excused.

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Murder Charge Against Roy Harris Withdrawn

Prisoner Is Officially Accused Through Misunderstanding; Wife Says He Wants to Die

Later Identifies Bandit Car by Tobacco Juice Markings and Two Are Arrested

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