

# COOPERS ARE GUILTY

## Each Is Given 20 Years by Carmack Murder Jury.

### ARE RELEASED ON BONDS

#### Counsel for Colonel and Son Robin Declare Mistrial Has Taken Place and Arguments Are to Be Heard Later—Bail is \$25,000.

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 22.—Guilty of murder in the second degree, with 20 years' imprisonment as the penalty, was the verdict of the jury Saturday in the case against Col. Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack. The jury yesterday acquitted John B. Sharp, a co-defendant. Immediately the defense moved to set aside the verdict because of the verdict of disagreement and asked the court to declare it a mistrial.

Released on \$25,000 Bonds. Judge Hart said he would listen to arguments on this motion later.

He then fixed the defendants' bonds at \$25,000 each, which amount was acceptable to both sides. The verdict, coming as it did upon the heels of Foreman Burk's declaration yesterday, "that we are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers," was a decided surprise.

**Defendants Took It Coolly.**  
The defendants took it coolly—almost without emotion. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Nelson, the young daughters of Col. Cooper, were brave and aside from tearful eyes, restrained their emotion gamely. Mrs. Burch sat with her arm around her brother Robin's shoulder and Mrs. Wilson was at her father's right. The suspense for the two young women had been heart-rending and any verdict, however unfavorable, was a relief.

**Jurors Are Tired Out.**  
After a vigil of several days the jurors were tired looking and disheveled when they came into court. They showed the effects of several days of arguing and the foreman gave vent to a sigh of relief when he had spoken the words which sealed the doom of the Coopers. The veniremen were then dismissed and told to go to their homes after being thanked by the judge.

**Sharp Is Acquitted.**  
The verdict in the Coopers' end of the trial came after John Sharp, the co-defendant, had been acquitted. Judge Hart had called the jury from their room and asked them if they had arrived at a verdict. They told the judge that they had acquitted John Sharp, but could arrive at no decision on the Coopers, being "hopelessly tied," as the foreman remarked.

Then Judge Hart told John Sharp that he was free, and had the clerk enter that part of the verdict in the records. He then sent the veniremen back to further consider on the Coopers, which they did, remaining in their compartment all night.

**Juror Tells of Fight.**  
The jurors were not inclined to talk, but one of them said:

"On the first ballot we acquitted John Sharp and disregarded the conspiracy theory. On this same ballot we stood six for guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, five for murder in the second degree, with 20 years, the maximum penalty, and one for acquittal. The ballots all day Wednesday and Thursday showed the same result.

**Jurors Disagree Again.**  
"Yesterday, the man who voted for acquittal went over to murder in the second, but demanded that only ten years be assessed. The rest of us did not deem ten years as anything like adequate, so we disagreed again. Of course, all this refers to the Coopers, not Sharp, whom we had acquitted.

"Early this morning the man who was holding out for acquittal gave in."

**Jury Enters Court.**  
The twelve men entered the room and took the same seats they have occupied for nearly nine weeks.

"Have you agreed upon a verdict, gentlemen?" said Judge Hart. "We have," replied Foreman E. M. Burke, hoarsely. "Advance, Mr. Foreman, and read the verdict." We, the jury, find the defendants, Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, guilty of murder in the second degree and assess their punishment at confinement in the state penitentiary for a period of 20 years. "So say you all, gentlemen?" "So say we all," in chorus. "I thank you, gentlemen," said the court, "for your patience and devotion to the state and dismissal you to your homes and to your personal avocations."

**Move for Mistrial.**  
In a second Judge Anderson of the defense was on his feet exclaiming: "Your honor, we move the case be declared a mistrial because of the Sharp verdict. We contend that that verdict was the only one, and that it acquitted John Sharp but declared a disagreement on the other defendants. We also ask that the defendants be admitted to bond at once."

"The verdict of the jury makes it a ballable case," was the court's retort. "Hence I will fix the bond of each defendant at \$25,000 unless there be some objection."

**Most Remarkable Case.**  
The Cooper-Sharp trial was one of the most remarkable murder cases in the history of the south, not only because of the prominence of the principals in the tragedy, but because of the reasons that led to the killing.

Col. Cooper, a former officer in the confederate army under Forrest and a man very prominent in Democratic

state politics, once lived at Columbia, Tenn. In that town also resided Edward Ward Carmack, a young lawyer who also did some newspaper work. Cooper bought the Nashville American and induced Carmack to come to Nashville as its editor.

Whether the men ever were in thorough accord is a disputed point. Carmack's friends say not. Col. Cooper swore on the stand that they were close friends until Gov. Taylor opposed Carmack for re-election to the senate.

**Political Fight Long and Bitter.**  
This fight was long and bitter. Feature of it was a series of joint debates and Carmack lost. Col. Cooper supported Taylor, but Robin, the son who killed the senator, supported the latter.

Malcolm R. Patterson was governor of the state at the time of the Carmack-Taylor fight, and he announced his candidacy for re-election. Carmack, just beaten for the senate, was urged into the race for governor against Patterson.

This was last June, and the fight between the men for the Democratic nomination was the most spectacular ever seen in Tennessee. Again, joint debates were arranged and again the feeling between the factions grew very bitter.

### ROOSEVELT FAMILY REUNION.

#### Ex-President and Kin Attend Fete at Oyster Bay, N. Y.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Mar. 22.—There was a family reunion at Sagamore Hill Sunday of the Roosevelt family. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., attended with Archie Roosevelt, his brother, who has been attending school at Groton, Mass. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, with Quentin Roosevelt, who is receiving his early education in a school at Alexandria, Va., were also present.

As one of the incidents preliminary to his departure for his African hunting trip, ex-President Roosevelt found himself a witness in the library of his home in Sagamore Hill Saturday in a suit at law which was brought against a New York magazine by a photographer. Mr. Roosevelt was served with a supreme court subpoena at a reception tendered him by his townspeople asking for his deposition in the suit brought by a photographer for \$5,000 against the Town Topics Publishing Company, which published three of Mr. Roosevelt's photographs in the book "Fads and Fancies."

### DYNAMITE IMOGENE, IA., BANK.

#### Safe Blowers Take All Cash on Hand and Escape.

Des Moines, Ia., Mar. 22.—Safe blowers dynamited the safe of the First National Bank of Imogene, Page county, Saturday and took all of the cash on hand. Section hands on their way to work discovered that the bank had been robbed and reported the same to the officers. Several thousand dollars are reported to have been taken.

Enid, Okla., Mar. 22.—Robbers dynamited the safe in the bank of Coldwater, at Coldwater, 30 miles northwest of Enid, Saturday, and escaped with \$2,000. A heavy rain storm aided in concealing the operations of the robbers.

### SHERMAN WELL, DESPITE RUMOR

#### Vice-President Laughs Heartily When Told of Illness.

Utica, N. Y., Mar. 22.—Vice-President James S. Sherman laughed heartily Sunday when he was told that there were rumors in New York and elsewhere that he was ill. Mr. Sherman has been here since Friday and remained till Sunday evening. He is in excellent health. Mr. Sherman made a brief address Sunday in the armory at a meeting.

### FIRE IN MEXICO CREMATES SIX.

#### Two Others Fatally Burned in Disastrous Conflagration.

Morelia, Mexico, Mar. 22.—Fire that started from the upsetting of a lamp in the home of Concepcion Morcado, in this city, resulted in the death of Mercado's six children, while his wife was severely injured. The fire spread to other dwellings and Ladislau Diaz was fatally burned in rescuing his daughter, who also was fatally burned.

### GANGWAY FALLS; THREE KILLED

#### Forty Workmen Also Injured on British Battleship.

Barrow-in-Furness, England, Mar. 22.—A gangway connecting the battleship Vanguard with the wharf at the Vickers' Son-Maxim yard collapsed Saturday. Forty workmen were precipitated to the dock. Three of them were killed and 40 injured.

### Nine Oarsmen Near Death.

San Francisco, Mar. 22.—Nine members of the rowing squad of the University of California had a narrow escape from drowning when the racing shell which they were rowing broke in two. The nine athletes were thrown into the cold water of the Oakland estuary.

### Think Suicide Murdered Two.

OH City, Pa., Mar. 22.—The dead bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Briggs, with holes from Winchester rifle bullets in their breasts, were found at their home, ten miles east of Tionesta, Forest county, Saturday. The body of Amon Walton, a neighbor, was found in the house with his head almost blown off. It is believed Walton killed Briggs and his wife and then committed suicide.

# CLEVELAND PRAISED

## Taft and Roosevelt Laud Dead Statesman.

### COMMEND GREAT COURAGE

#### Present Chief Executive in Tribute to Former Says He Was as Completely American as Lincoln—Seventy-Second Anniversary Observed.

New York, Mar. 19.—Tributes in poem, song and speech were rendered yesterday in honor of the seventy-second birthday anniversary of the late President Grover Cleveland at memorial exercises in which President Taft, Gov. Hughes, Chief Justice Fuller and Mayor McClellan made addresses and several hundred of New York's most prominent citizens attended. Mrs. Cleveland with a party of friends occupied a box in Carnegie hall, where the memorial was held.

A second memorial was held at night at the College of the City of New York, at which speeches were made by Gov. Hughes, Senator Root, Mayor McClellan, Judge Gray of Delaware, William B. Hornblower and Edward M. Shepard.

### Taft's Praise of Cleveland.

President Taft was introduced by Mayor McClellan, who called upon the audience to rise and be presented to the president of the United States. The president spoke with unusual fervor in his eulogies of Mr. Cleveland and frequently the course of his address was broken by applause. President Taft said in part:

"Grover Cleveland was as completely American in his character as Lincoln. Without a college education, he prepared himself for the bar. His life was confined to western New York. His vision of government and of society was not widened by foreign travel. He was a pure product of the village and town life of the Middle States, affected by New England austerity and the atmosphere of a clergyman's home. His chief characteristics were simplicity and honesty, courage of his convictions, with a sense of public duty that has been exceeded by no statesman within my knowledge. It was so strong in him that he rarely wrote anything, whether in the form of a private or public communication, that the obligation of all men to observe the public interest was not his chief theme.

"His career was a most remarkable one. We hear much in these days of the usurpation of legislation by the executive branch. As long as the legislative branch has the power of the purse the danger of executive usurpation is imaginative. The country is under obligation to Mr. Cleveland for having pointed out in his controversy with the Republican senate some of the limitations that there are in the constitution upon attempted legislative action to restrict executive discretion. In the end Mr. Cleveland won in his controversy with the senate. Whether he might have done so had both the house and the senate been against him is a matter of doubt.

### Another Debt We Owe.

"Another great debt which the country owes to Mr. Cleveland is the assertion, made through him as its chief executive, of the power of the federal government directly to defend the federal jurisdiction through the process of federal courts and by federal troops, against the lawless invasion of a state. Mr. Cleveland was a Democrat and of course respected the traditional construction of the constitution by that party; but no fear of apparent inconsistency prevented him from asserting the full federal power to maintain its authority to suppress lawlessness when directed against federal right and federal jurisdiction; and he instituted proceedings in the federal courts to restrain the Debs boycott of the country, the tying up of interstate commerce and the interference with the mails, and he sent troops under Gen. Miles to Chicago to make his assertion of the power effective.

"But he succeeded in stopping what had really grown to the proportions of an insurrection.

"Grover Cleveland earned the sincere gratitude of his countrymen and justified recurring memorial occasions like the one in which we are taking part."

Gov. Hughes paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Cleveland, saying that the late president was a great hero of a civil administration and was pre-eminently identified in the country's history as a great figure of peace.

Chief Justice Fuller, who administered the oath of office to Mr. Cleveland on his inauguration and to all his successors, spoke of Mr. Cleveland's greatness and told of his power in the nation. The audience frequently cheered the chief justice as he delivered his speech.

Former President Roosevelt sent a letter to Francis Lynde Stetson, chairman of the Cleveland memorial committee, in which the former president told of his personal relations with Mr. Cleveland and praised the late chief magistrate as a man of earnest purpose and high courage in the face of opposition and attack.

### Season Bay with Catsup.

Providence, R. I., Mar. 19.—The water of Narragansett bay were well seasoned with tomato catsup yesterday when 650 cases containing 15,000 bottles were dumped into the sea because they did not meet the requirements of the federal pure food law.

# DRANK CAROLIC ACID ON THE STREET

## Strange Suicide of a Wealthy Pittsburg Woman, Who Suffered From Neuralgia.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—Unable longer to bear the agony she had suffered for years, Mrs. Jennie Moorehead Murdoch, wealthy, a social favorite, and one of the best-known women in the city, drank carbolie acid in Forbes street at noon Sunday and died at Mercy hospital shortly afterward. The act of self-destruction was carried out in Forbes street, within a short distance of the Oakland M. E. church, the sole witness being the eight-year-old daughter of E. F. McCafferty, of Atwood street. The child's screams brought dozens of members of the church to the scene, but strangely none of them recognized the sufferer.

After the death the body was removed to the morgue and the name was given out as Laura O'Brien. Subsequently an undertaker took charge of the corpse, but neither he nor the coroner would vouch any information concerning the woman's real identity.

It was these extraordinary precautions that finally led to the identity of the suicide being revealed. The case, savoring of mystery and big possibilities, caused strenuous efforts to be made to learn who the woman was, and finally the secret was revealed.

At midnight, however, it developed that the suicide was Mrs. Murdoch, and it was said the cause was neuralgia, with which she had suffered incessantly for four years.

Mrs. Murdoch was a member of the Shady-side Presbyterian church, and she attended services there Sunday morning, leaving shortly before their conclusion. She was richly attired and when she entered a drug store on Forbes street to purchase the acid no question was asked.

The suicide was the daughter of the late Col. Moorehead, who amassed a large fortune here in the manufacture of steel. She was the mother of Dr. J. Moorehead Murdoch, of the Institution for Feeble Minded Children, Peik; Augustus P. Murdoch, of Oswego, N. Y., and of William Moorehead Murdoch, Cincinnati. She was a member of several clubs, and lived in St. James street, one of the city's aristocratic thoroughfares.

### SHERIFF CALLED ON

#### To Suppress a Riot in Polish Catholic Church at Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., March 22.—Because of a disagreement between Rev. Father Bernard Zmijewski, pastor of St. Florian's Polish church, and half of his parishioners Sunday Sheriff Gaston and a posse of deputies were hurried to the scene in response to a riot call.

The church has been a cause of much trouble to the police. One week ago, so strong was the opposition to Father Zmijewski that he conducted the services almost directly beneath the eyes of a score of big police officers sent there to maintain order.

Sunday's trouble resulted in several broken heads and more or less sacrilege within the walls of the edifice. The disagreement is due to the different ideas of the pastor and his flock as to the manner in which the church affairs should be conducted.

### Career Ended by Thrust of Dagger.

Raton, N. M., March 22.—Antonio Djulio, a coke worker, started out to rid himself of his enemies, and as a result three persons are dead. Djulio attacked his cousin, named Bartole, and shot him in the abdomen. Bartole ran to the home of his brother, Francisco Bartole, pursued by Djulio. The latter threw open the door of house and fired inside, the bullet lodging in Mrs. Bartole's head, killing her instantly. Enraged at the sight of his wife lying dead, Francisco Bartole plunged a dagger into Djulio's body, killing him. Bartole died later in the hospital.

### MARKET REPORTS.

Cincinnati, March 20.	
CATTLE—Extra	\$6 25 @ 6 40
CALVES—Extra	7 25 @ 7 35
HOGS—Choice	6 95 @ 7 05
SHEEP—Extra	5 35 @ 5 50
LAMBS—Spring	8 00 @ 8 10
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 21 @ 1 22
CORN—No. 2 mixed	67 @ 68
OATS—No. 2 mixed	54 1/2 @ 55
RYE—No. 2 choice	82 @ 84
HAY—Ch. timothy	13 00 @ 13 50
BUTTER—Dairy	16 @ 17
EGGS—Per doz.	4 @ 5
APPLES—Choice	4 00 @ 5 00
POTATOES—Per bri.	3 00 @ 3 00
TOBACCO—Burley	7 00 @ 18 75
CHICAGO.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 16 1/2 @ 1 16 3/4
CORN—No. 2 mixed	66 1/2 @ 66 3/4
OATS—No. 2 mixed	54 1/2 @ 54 3/4
PORK—Prime mess.	17 62 1/2 @ 17 62 1/2
LARD—Prime	10 05 @ 10 05
NEW YORK.	
FLOUR—Win. patent	5 25 @ 5 65
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 08 @ 1 08
CORN—No. 2 mixed	67 1/2 @ 67 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	54 @ 54 1/2
PORK—Prime mess.	18 00 @ 19 00
LARD—Steam	9 85 @ 9 95
BALTIMORE.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 24 @ 1 24
CORN—No. 2 mixed	67 1/2 @ 67 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	54 @ 55 1/2
LOUISVILLE.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 22 1/2 @ 1 22 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed	70 1/2 @ 70 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	56 1/2 @ 56 1/2
HAY—Ch. timothy	12 50 @ 13 00
HOGS—Extra	6 75 @ 6 75
LARD—Steam	9 25 @ 9 25
INDIANAPOLIS.	
CATTLE—Prime	6 25 @ 6 75
HOGS—Extra	6 50 @ 7 00
SHEEP—Extra	5 00 @ 5 50

# STATE HAPPENINGS

## News of General Interest in a Summarized Form.

### BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

#### Indictments Returned by Lucas County Grand Jury Against Former Officers of Ohio German Fire Insurance Co.

Toledo, O.—Frederick D. Prentice, former secretary and treasurer of the Ohio German Fire Insurance Co., and Miss Hope Yeager, former department manager of the same company, were indicted by the Lucas county grand jury as a result of the Ohio German probe. Prentice is indicted for embezzlement and perjury, and Miss Yeager for perjury.

Cleveland, O.—Reorganization of the Sheffield Land and Improvement Co. of Lorain, is contemplated in the filing of papers for a million-dollar corporation.

Cambridge, O.—At the mid-year meeting here of the Ohio W. C. T. U. executive committee. Toledo was chosen as the meeting place for the state gathering next October.

Dayton, O.—Miss Margaret Ewald, 25 head milliner at Crowl's millinery establishment, was attacked near her home here, by a white man, who attempted to drag her into an alleyway.

Youngstown, O.—G. S. Clevenger committed suicide by shooting at his home here. He was the local manager of the Standard Oil Co. Overwork and illness are supposed to have been the cause.

Bucyrus, O.—The \$30,000 issue of 5-cent road bonds were sold to Searns and Mayer, of Cincinnati, for \$32,309. These bonds are the best issue of \$250,000 spent in picking the roads surrounding Bucyrus.

Ghent, O.—From drinking milk from a diseased cow, Mabel Baxter, 11, and her sister Edith, 9, are dead, and Clara, 8, and May, 5, brother and sister, are dying. Attending physicians have given up all hopes of their recovery.

Portsmouth, O.—Portsmouth shoe manufacturers have withdrawn their final proposition of compromise to the striking shoe lasters and announced that factories will be opened and operated as open shops after March 22.

Cleveland, O.—Louis Devineaux, former secretary of the city sinking fund, was indicted by the grand jury on 10 different counts. The total amount of the alleged embezzlements is \$12,900.

Dayton, O.—By a decision of Judge Brown the Dayton, Lebanon and Cincinnati Railway Co. will be able to construct its line from the terminus near the Dayton asylum to the Union railway station, thus completing the road from Cincinnati to this city.

Portsmouth, O.—Both sides were pleased with Judge Blair's finding in the Selby injunction suit against the striking employes. The injunction against the Knights of Labor and Welt Laster Assemblies was dismissed, but the court made permanent the injunction against 168 individuals and the maintenance of 18 pickets in the neighborhood of the plant.

East Liverpool, O.—By the opening of the Youngstown and Ohio River railroad between here and Youngstown through interurban service was established between Moundsville, Wheeling, Wellsburg, in West Virginia, Steubenville, Toronto, Wellsville and this city with Cleveland and all other points as far west as Detroit, Chicago and Wisconsin. The road was conceived seven years ago by Gen. Asa Jones, of Youngstown. Its construction cost over \$2,000,000.

Columbus, O.—That a determined effort will be made within a year to invade Cincinnati, was decided at a meeting of the Ohio Independent Telephone association. Just what plans are to be launched is left with the officials of the association, but the organization is unanimous in the scheme, and feels certain that the purpose will be accomplished. There were close to 200 members at the meeting. It is probable that some time this summer a meeting of the telephone men in the Southern Ohio districts, combined with those of Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana, will be held in Cincinnati and the business men of that city will be asked to assist after being given an opportunity to judge of the magnitude of the independent telephone interests in this section of the country.

Newark, O.—Eighteen ditch improvement bonds of \$200 each, bearing 4 per cent interest, to mature in 10 years, were sold by the county commissioners to Barto, Scott & Co., of Columbus, at a premium of \$13.50.

Cincinnati, O.—As a result of the trouble which has been threatening between County Clerk Peter W. Durr and County Prosecutor Hunt, Clerk Durr made charges in open court against the prosecutor's office, which he asked that a special prosecutor be named to present to the grand jury.

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Corn, new	70
Oats	50 1/2
Potatoes	90 1/2
White Beans bushel	3 18
Butter	2 30
Eggs, dozen	11
Young chickens	11
Chickens, per lb.	11
Turkeys, per lb.	11
Ducks, per lb.	11
Bacon Hams, per lb.	11
Bacon Sides, per lb.	11
Bacon Shoulders	11
Lard	10 1/2
Hay, ton	10 1/2

**RETAIL PRICES.**

Ex C Sugar	5
A Sugar	4 1/2
Granulated Sugar	3 1/2
Cut Leaf and Powdered Sugar	2 1/2
Coffee, Rio	10 1/2
Tea, Imp. Y. H. and G. P. per qr.	70
Tea, Black	30
Cheese, factory	13 1/2
Flour, good family brands, cwt.	3 00
Norfolk N. O. gallon	1 50
Sorghum	1 10
Golden Syrup	40
Patrol	10 1/2
Salt	2 20
Hams city sugar cured, lb.	13 1/2

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