

CONFESSED ONLY TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Confronted by Cooke Lad Said He Talked With Guns in Stomach

COOKE TAKEN TWICE

Minister Admits That He Was Taken Out Friday in Large Car

The next move in the "kidnaped wedding" case, which was revealed Wednesday morning, showed the Tulsa public, and in which the most proceedings were filed Tuesday by Mrs. Paul Cagle, mother of Chester Cagle, one of the principals in the case, up to the point in which the abduction first took place. When informed of the abduction proceedings Tuesday evening the girl, who is said to be a mother, refused to make any statements and she maintained her silence Wednesday.

So far as is now known, she has not employed any attorney, she refused to talk about the matter. However, it is believed that if she has already employed counsel, she will within the next few days, as the defense must be entered in an "answer" to the annulment petition. The "answer" to a petition is generally filed within 16 days after the filing of the petition.

Girl Won't Talk. When interviewed Wednesday the girl said even less than on the previous day. "I repeat that I am not going to talk in this affair," she said, "my side of the case will be presented in court."

"Have you any attorneys?" the reporter asked. "Well you are determined to learn something, aren't you?" she fired back. "I have nothing to say. If I have attorneys you can see them in court."

An entirely new angle in the case was revealed early Wednesday morning when Rev. Harold G. Cooke, the minister who married the young couple, after he claims, he had been kidnaped and carried to the spot in an enclosed automobile. Visited the Cagle home, 610 West Easton in company with a World reporter. Reverend Cooke had said that before he performed the ceremony the boy had confessed to kidnapping the girl, and he will admit the confession," the minister said.

At the Cagle home the minister was confronted with Chester Cagle, the 20-year-old youth and his father. The youth said that he might have made such a confession, but he didn't remember, "but who wouldn't," he cried, "with two guns punching in your stomach. You would have said most anything just as I did."

Kidnaped Twice. During an argument between the father and Rev. Cooke, the father accused the minister of having been kidnaped the night before the wedding. "I was taken out of my house by a large car," admitted Rev. Cooke. "Several men in a large car came to my home and asked me to take a ride. I accompanied them. We drove several miles out on the Sapulpa road and stopped alongside the paving. When I asked about the delay one of them said that they were waiting for a party. We talked and smoked and I thought nothing of the affair because frequently before I have been in motor cars that stopped alongside the road. The men took me home after about two hours' drive."

"The second night that I was driven out on the Sapulpa road, about the same number of men came to my house and asked me to accompany them. I wondered, but I did not ask any questions. There were about the same number of men as had called the night previous but I didn't recognize any of the men as having been in the previous party. I thought nothing strange when we drove again out on the Sapulpa road. I don't know whether the wedding occurred near the spot where we had stopped the night previous but it was somewhere between here and Sapulpa."

"And you admit being kidnaped twice and taken to approximately the same spot on the same road and not thinking anything strange about it?" asked Cagle.

"Saw Nothing Strange in It." "Why certainly, I don't see anything strange in the matter." "Well, it looks mighty funny to me."

"Now, one other thing. Did you see a marriage license that night?" The minister answered that he did see a marriage license, that after an examination he decided it was legal and performed the marriage. He also said that he had the license and in answer to another of Cagle's questions said that two witnesses had signed the pastor. "The minister was unable to recall the names, but agreed to take Cagle to his house and let him look at the paper."

After a few minutes' thought, however, Reverend Cooke said that he would go and get the license and return to the Cagle home with it. An hour and 15 minutes later when the minister had not returned, Cagle gave up hope and returned to his bed. He told a reporter that he did not believe that the minister would return.

Cooke Consults Hudson. However, Reverend Cooke called the reporter a few minutes later and explained his absence. "After leaving the Cagle home," he said, "I began to think of the legal phase of the matter and thought that I had better consult an attorney. It was some time before I could arouse W. E. Hudson, the man whom I licensed in my possession and return it at once to the court clerk."

This Is the Minister Who Was Kidnaped To Act at Wedding



Rev. Harold G. Cooke

"Kidnaped" two nights in a row was the experience of Rev. Harold G. Cooke, Methodist district conference representative, who last Saturday night officiated at the strange wedding of Chester Cagle and Belle Jones. The abduction first took place Friday night, but could not be traced because they didn't find Cagle Saturday night they picked him up again, and this time he was captured to be the knot which has caused such a furor following the filing of annulment proceedings by the parents of young Cagle.

from where it came. When I returned to the Cagle home, an hour and a half after leaving, no one was waiting and presuming that they had gone to bed, I left, and very sorry that I was unable to return sooner but I felt that I ought to see an attorney.

Hidden when seen yesterday, said that Reverend Cooke had called him and that he had given the minister such advice. The attorney said that he had no connection, whatever with the case, and that the minister had merely sought his advice on that one subject.

Eight Cars to Finish. Cagle said Wednesday that he was going to fight the case through to a finish, in spite of a published statement, coming from Reverend Cooke in which the minister urged that the affair be withdrawn from the courts. "That mock marriage was an outrage and I intend to see it righted," Cagle asserted. "I think my boy was done an injustice and I positively say that the case will not be withdrawn."

In the petition for annulment, filed Tuesday, it was alleged that five unmasked men had forcibly taken the youth from a truck which he was driving, about 6:30 o'clock in the evening of April 29, driven him several miles into the country and under a threat of serious punishment and death, compelled him to marry the girl. It was alleged that the lad had been handcuffed, chained to a gasoline engine and threatened with gun.

FEDERAL AGENTS PROBING KU-KLUX

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE right not to answer and ordered them discharged.

The three attorneys were ordered fined \$100 each and demanded to jail until they should answer these questions:

"Have you ever been a member of the Ku-Klux Klan?"

"Do you know anyone that is a member of the Ku-Klux Klan?"

The court, ordering the men discharged, held that a grand jury has no right to ask questions of a witness unless they are bona fide criminal matters upon which such questions are pertinent. It is further held that the questions asked these men were pertinent to no instance, crime or alleged violation of the law and that they could not be forced to answer. The record showed that the foreman of the jury had testified as a witness that the jury was not investigating any crime or offense which the Ku-Klux Klan was supposed to have committed or been connected with; that the only information the jury had was that some of the officers of the law were members of the organization.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 3.—Applications for the Ku-Klux Klan for "punishment" for certain persons have been found among the documents seized here last week at the headquarters of the Pacific domain of the organization, according to representatives of the district attorney. Alleged answers from Klan officials stating that action might be expected also were seized, it was said.

Both applications and alleged answers will be presented to the county grand jury when it begins its investigation of Klan activities, possibly tomorrow, the authorities said.

U. OF T. PLAY IS POSTPONED

Bills of Members of University "Last Cause" to be Played. "The Doll's House" a play by the famous author, Ibsen, to have been presented at the University of Tulsa Thursday evening was postponed to May 18, due to the illness of a member of the cast. It was announced by Margaret Whyndam, head of the expression department at the university.

Commission "Hoop Destroyers." NEW YORK, May 3.—The new "hoop destroyer" Hahn, a unit of the treasury department's prohibition navy, went into commission today with headquarters at the New York barge office.

OIL CONFERENCE IN MEXICO ENDS

U. S. Representative Satisfied With Result of the Meeting

By the Associated Press. MEXICO CITY, May 3.—The committee representing the five American oil companies considered their 10-day discussions with Adolfo de la Huerta, minister of the treasury, this afternoon. "Results satisfactory in both parts have been reached in taxation matters according to a statement given to the Associated Press, by Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, speaking for the committee. Mr. Teagle declined to comment on the effects made to form a great pooling company for exploitation of Mexican properties, but substance assembly is given credit for a very strong statement in this respect by the final paragraph of the formal statement issued this evening which says:

"Views on the future development of the petroleum resources of the republic have been exchanged and at a later conference it is hoped that a satisfactory understanding may be reached."

The statement as given out by Mr. Teagle, speaking for the other members of the committee of five, made up of J. W. Van Dyke, president of the Atlantic Refining company; E. J. Doherty, president of the Mexican National Gas company; H. C. Luffkin, president of the Texas company, and Harry F. Sinclair, chairman of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil corporation, says:

Shown Every Courtesy. "The Mexican government has shown us every courtesy and Minister de la Huerta has been most generous in giving us fully of his time in order to cover the various matters under discussion. Much consideration has been devoted to tax problems and results satisfactory to both parties have been reached."

"As to production taxes, a basis of valuation of petroleum products has been agreed upon using actual selling prices as a criterion and providing moreover for an increase in the rate of taxation as selling prices advance."

"As to export taxes the arrangement made by the Mexican government with the committee on September 3 last, remains effective and it is expected that during a conference which the secretary (de la Huerta) will have in New York with bankers, a final disposition of this matter will be reached."

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The American oil men left Mexico City tonight on a special train for San Antonio. Mr. Doherty and his son are going to Los Angeles and Mexico. Teagle and Luffkin to New York.

Bond Problem Up. Questions as to the relation between Minister de la Huerta's conference with American bankers and the export taxes as mentioned in the statement, one member of the committee admitted that payment of the taxes in Mexican bonds "may be considered in conjunction with the bankers." There was a broad intimation that Senator de la Huerta will confer with the oil men as well as with bankers while he is in New York.

As far as could be gathered here tonight, the present agreement of the oil men with the Mexican government is a virtually an extension of the understanding reached last fall and that a further adjustment either by another visit to Mexico City by the oil men or otherwise, will be necessary, although not in the immediate future.

It is asserted that the committee at no time during the negotiations made any request which might be construed as a demand for a change in the Mexican constitution. One member of the committee said in this regard:

"We were here on matters of general oil interest and did not go beyond our jurisdiction."

Asked for general summary of the results obtained from the series of conferences this member of the committee said a better understanding had been reached on the entire petroleum situation in Mexico and that the tax problem had been satisfactorily ironed out. Senator de la Huerta up to the present has withheld comment on the conference. Prior to their departure the American oil men paid their respects to President Obregon.

Will Attend Memorial. WASHINGTON, May 3.—President and Mrs. Harding will attend the annual memorial exercises in honor of the Confederate dead in the Confederate section of the Arlington cemetery on Sunday, June 4.

Mortuary

McElwain. Funeral services for Mrs. Joe McElwain, who died Monday night, will be held at the Mitchell-Flaming chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Salvation army of Tulsa. The deceased is the daughter of J. C. Hess, 117 West Brady street.

NEW GAS ORDERS CALL ON COMPANY TO REBILL NO. 1

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Shawnee, Enid, El Reno, Marlow, Duncan and Oklahoma City.

COMPANY TAKES SUIT TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 3.—Hearing on a petition for a writ of superedeas, filed by the Oklahoma National Gas company in federal court here after the court had declined to make permanent a temporary injunction restraining the state corporation commission from enforcing rates, will be held here tomorrow. The gas company has announced it will appeal the case to the United States supreme court.

The action of the federal district court in refusing to make the injunction permanent resulted in gas rates in a large number of cities over the state being automatically reduced to the rate promulgated by the state corporation commission prior to the increase in the city rate granted by the federal court when it issued a temporary injunction. Following the increase in the city rate, the commission gave distributing companies an increase to offset this. This order held, however, according to the commission, that the increase automatically ceased when the federal court refused to make the injunction permanent.

It has been estimated officially that rebates as a result in the decrease in rates will be between \$500,000 and \$600,000 over the state.

BEVERIDGE WINS; 'MY HAT IS OFF TO THE WINNER'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Roosevelt and who has been a consistent opponent of the republican state organization in Indiana, could make such a showing against Senator, who is so closely identified with the administration in every way, is literally amazing to organized republicans in Washington.

The democrats were openly jubilant. They were quick to assert that the New-Overlook contest was heralded by both sides as a "test of the administration's popularity," and that Senator New had the moral, if not the actual support of the administration in his contest.

REVEREND IRWIN QUILTS PRESBYTERY, TO MAKE NEW CONNECTIONS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE byterian church) had been preferred against Mr. Irwin and were to be heard by the judicial commission of the governing presbytery at Lawton May 9. The belief was expressed in church circles that these charges would be dropped following the pastor's resignation.

"The alleged charges which have been brought against me," said Mr. Irwin today, "are so trivial that I did not consider them in my decision. There are no charges against my moral conduct or against my theology. I am asking the presbytery to dissolve my pastoral relations with it."

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the First Presbyterian church of Lawton and further am informing them that I am quitting the communion of the Presbyterian church. I wish to announce, however, that I am not quitting Lawton. This is my home and I intend to remain here and will not be driven out."

The court of inquiry being conducted by the county attorney was in session all day. The county attorney said he expected to complete his investigation by tomorrow when official action on information which he says he has obtained may be expected, he added.

One of the rocks on which Mr. Irwin's church split was a marriage ceremony which he performed in a public bathing pool at Medicine Park, an amusement resort, after the last summer. Bathing suits were worn by the bride and groom and the marriage was as abbreviated as the wedding garments for it lasted but 30 days, according to testimony at the trial for annulment of the ceremony in district court at Oklahoma City. The ceremony was annulled and the bride given her maiden name. It having been brought out that the wedding was performed in spirit of revelry.

FRAUD CHARGED TO CONTRACTOR

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE fields were due to the representations of Griggs and Picasant, which the information charges, were false and fraudulent.

The warrants claimed to have been originally secured by Griggs and Picasant are part of the 241 warrants issued against property in the district. The value of the warrants ranged from \$25.00 to \$250.00 and in number from 2295 to 2565, a total value of \$198,453.33.

That the charges against him are false and unfounded was the statement of Griggs when he learned of the county attorney's action. "I didn't have anything to do with the measurements and computations in that district. They were all drawn up by another engineer. Neither did I have anything to do with the issuance of the warrants. I never had any of the warrants from that district or any other district in my possession. The whole business is a hoax."

The information is signed by W. E. Orr, property owner in the district and one of the prime movers in the series of complaints and so-called exposures made of alleged graft. Names of witnesses indicated on the information are: W. E. Orr, 212 East Admiral; S. P. Basse, 2412 North Lewis; Freeman Mays; J. D. Dawson, 1213 South Elwood; J. A. Woods, 2549 East Admiral; Mrs. E. Brady, 306 North Lewis; Grant Kennedy, 323 North Lewis; George Moran, 295 South Cheyenne; E. M. Ward, 2432 East Fifth; Gordon Lowe, engineer; Victor H. Cochran, Lynch building; E. A. Little, Dallas, Texas; F. W. Proctor, Mayo building; K. K. Hughes, Robinson building; T. C. Hughes, Cole building; T. W. Hollingsworth, 919 North Elwood; Crawford Wheeler; Roy Garrett, present city auditor; Mrs. Frank Seaman, former city auditor; Donald Witten, 515 North Rosedale; L. E. Goff, 112 North Lewis; G. S.

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Yeager, 210 North Lewis; E. G. Fike, Nebraska building; G. L. Huxley, Nebraska building; the four former commissioners and former mayor, T. D. Evans.

"Not having yet been served with a warrant and being ignorant of the nature of the information against me, I have nothing to say," Pleasant stated when informed of the filing of the information. "I do not know the exact nature of the charges and therefore don't want to make any statement. After the warrant has been charged and I have seen my attorneys I will make a public statement."

ROBERTSON CASE OFF TILL JUNE 5 ON OWN REQUEST

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE would undoubtedly enter the cases before their completion.

Sentiment here against men connected in even the most indirect way with the operation of failed banks, is so universal that it can be cut with a knife," counsel declared, adding that because of Judge Bozarth's social and official connection with those here responsible for the failures, he could not help being affected by this attitude even though he were not conscious of it.

Numerous authorities in support of the motion were cited from the statutes and Morton Kutherford, of Muskogee defense counsel, made an eloquent plea that Judge Bozarth disqualify himself from the case, and be tried before a jurist "with a fair mind and stripped of all prejudice," without regard to his religion or politics. He declared that there was not a judge in this district qualified to conduct the trials, reiterating, however, his personal regard for Judge Bozarth and his confidence in his judicial ability.

Hepburn Hotly Objected. The motion was voluminous and set forth in detail the sensational events which have transpired since the failure of the Bank of Commerce last November, which resulted in the grand jury investigation.

County Attorney James Hepburn heading the prosecution, objected strenuously to the motion and after Judge Bozarth overruled it, expressed a desire to reach an understanding with the defense attorneys concerning the filing of like motion. He contended that the court's decision

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The courtroom at the morning session was crowded almost to capacity by those interested in the cases, most of whom expected some action from the governor's side. Incident weather cut the number of spectators considerable in the afternoon.

TRUCE IN IRELAND IS NOW IN SIGHT

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Richard Mulcahy institute a week ago with the army forces. Three points were then laid down as a basis for peace. First, acceptance of the fact that a majority of the people of Ireland want the Anglo-Irish treaty; second, that the agreed elections be held, and third, that a government be formed having the confidence of the whole country.

This agreement was challenged immediately by the army council as a political dodge intended to split its ranks, and Eamon de Valera's newspaper condemned it on the same grounds, but since that article was written a less hostile attitude has developed inside the De Valera party, and today when the officers' assembly of the agreement were allowed to speak before the daily press.

Although the agreement was eloquently denounced by Liam Mellows, secretary of the disident army council, neither Mr. de Valera

nor any of his immediate colleagues said a word against it. On the contrary, they assented to the appointment of the peace committee. Their representatives on the committee, however, include Mellows and Sean Moylan, both of whom are regarded as uncompromising fighters. Harry Boland, another representative, is considered more likely to agree with De Valera than with Mellows.

Mr. de Valera delivered a remarkable speech in the daily, expressing the conviction that peace was possible and also a restoration of the reputation Ireland had six months ago when his government was in office.

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