

MYSTERIOUS ATTACK ON MADISON FARMER

Three Unknown Men Attack Pete Wells Near College Hill and Endeavor to Murder Him at Top of Clay's Ferry Hill

As a result of an attempt of three unknown men to murder him apparently in cold blood, Pete Wells, a farmer of the College Hill section of Madison county, lies at the Gibson hospital here, with a bullet through his neck and badly "beat up" about the head and body.

Soon after news of the attack upon him got to Lexington, Mrs. Simmie McCreary, of 463 Maple street, hastened to Richmond in a taxicab to see him. She reached here about 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning and waited with local officers until she could go to the hospital to see him. She claims to be only a slight acquaintance of Wells, and to have no knowledge whatever why anyone should endeavor to kill him.

The whole affair is wrapped in a mystery that officers have as yet been unable to penetrate. Wells, who escaped death by a hair when the bullet sent through his neck barely missed his jugular vein, is conscious and talks freely of the affair.

He is unmarried and lives with his cousin, Walter Wells, about 15 miles east of Richmond. About seven o'clock Friday night, he says, he was called from the house by an unknown man. He went out to a car on the roadside, and found it contained three men. The car was a long touring car. Officers say that the men told Wells that Mrs. McCreary was in Richmond and wanted to see him; that she had been hurt and was waiting for him in this city. Wells refused to go with the men, then they asked him for a bucket of water for the car. Wells went to the house and got it for them, and as he poured water into the radiator, one of the men hit him in the face and over the head with a pistol butt and dragged him into the car.

Walter Wells heard his brother yell as he was struck, but before he could get outside, the car had driven off, and by the time he could reach town and notify the officers, all trace of the men with his brother had vanished. No one could be found who had seen the mysterious car pass through town.

The victim says, officers report, that he was carried on through Richmond by his abductors, and on out the Lexington pike. The men asked him if he had a diamond ring with him, which he possessed and with which it appeared they were familiar. Mrs. McCreary said while in the sheriff's office early Saturday that Wells had owned the ring two or three years and that it had cost him \$250.

Wells denied having the ring. Then the three men asked him if he had any money, or had enough money to marry Mrs. McCreary. He said he had only a dollar or two. By this time the car had crossed the bridge at Clay's Ferry and was going up the hill on the Fayette side of the river. The three unknown men then began to discuss what they would do with him, Wells said. When he told them he had but little money, they planned to get rid of him some way. The man who was driving the car told his companions that he would "fix him". Wells says he was the one who struck him over the head while he was pouring water into the radiator at his brother's house.

They made Wells get out of the car and started walking down the hill. He had noticed a double barrel shot gun in the machine, a rifle that he says looked like an army rifle, and also noted that each of the men had a pistol. After walking a short distance down the hill, the driver told Wells to go on. Fearing that they were going to shoot and kill him, Wells begged them not to assassinate him in cold blood, but the car driver brusquely directed him to turn his head away from them. He turned and as he did so, the man shot him through the

neck. The bullet entered the fleshy part of the neck, barely missing the jugular vein. A fraction of an inch either way and he would have been instantly killed.

Wells fell to the ground. He had already been severely beaten and he lay as if dead. One of them shot at him again and thought he was dead. They then got into their car and drove hastily away toward Lexington.

Although weak from loss of blood and his injuries, Wells managed to drag himself down the hill to the store of William Rhorer, where he was taken in and given every attention possible. He requested them to have him taken to the Gibson hospital here rather than to Lexington. Wells asked Mr. Rhorer to notify his brother-in-law, Dave Bogie, on the Barnes Mill pike, by phone. Cars were soon sent for the wounded man and he was brought to the local hospital.

Sheriff Pete Whitlock, Deputy Sheriff Sant Bush and other officers had been aroused and had telephoned to Lexington officers. They went to the home of Mrs. McCreary there, but she told them she was unable to shed any light on the mysterious affair or the identity of the men who had endeavored to kill Wells. Mrs. McCreary soon came to Richmond in a taxi to see Wells. She came to the local officers and remained up the rest of the night with Patrolman Jack Harbin and other officers waiting for an opportunity to see Wells at the hospital.

She said that she had last seen Wells in Lexington Wednesday morning. Officers said Wells had been in Lexington for several days. Questioned as to her acquaintance with Wells, she said they were not sweethearts, but mere acquaintances. Officers said that Mrs. McCreary has been divorced from her husband. They said she has two children. She appeared to be well provided with money, handing the taxi driver a couple of large bills from which to make change for his fee. She appears about 30 or 35 years of age, and is well dressed. Wells said the three men who abducted him were all well dressed and in a high powered car. The man declared emphatically that she knew of no reason why anyone should shoot Wells on her account. She said further she had no idea who they could have been.

Officers took her to the hospital about 9 o'clock to see Wells. Dr. Gibson reported that Wells was resting easily and appeared to have a good chance to recover. Sheriff Whitlock, Deputy Bush and the nurse accompanied Mrs. McCreary to the bedside of Wells. She began to cry when she saw him. She told him she had come to see him if he could describe the men so that they might be identified. Wells said that it was hard for him to describe them. One was short and chunky, he said. He could only see them indistinctly, or when they would light a cigarette. They had whiskey in the car, he said, and tried to get him to drink some.

"Be sure to give him the right bottle, one remarked, when the others were trying to get him to drink. Wells, however, refused to drink. He said he thought they were going to force it down him once, however.

Mrs. McCreary and Wells talked for quite a while. Neither could throw any light on the identity of the men, however, and both said that they knew no reason why the assault should have been made.

Wells told how the whole thing happened. He said that the men searched him as they made the "hairpin" turn on the Madison county side of the river, and found only 10 cents on him. He said that he owned a very valuable diamond ring, which they asked him about. Wells said he had taken off his best clothes and had left the ring in one of his pockets.

The men then drove across the river, and it was when they reached the top of the hill on the Fayette county side of the river that the three men talked of what they were going to do with

him. Wells said the chunky fellow told the other two they could do what they wanted to but that he was out of it. They told him to get out and walk up the hill away from the car, which he did. The other two men then walked down the hill and turned down a side road a short distance. One man remarked to the other:

"Be sure you get him. Give it to him right in the head."

They had gone but a short distance when one told him to turn his head and then fired almost point blank at him. When he fell, Wells said, the man fired again at him lying on the ground, but missed him. Both men then ran up the hill to the car and hastened off, picking up the chunky man further up the hill as they went. Wells said he lost consciousness for a minute, but soon found his head clear. He said his mouth filled with blood but he spit it out and dragged himself up to the pike and was soon able to get on to the store where he sought assistance.

\$500 REWARD FOR WELLS' ASSAILANTS

Determined to ferret out the three men who assaulted, abducted and attempted to murder P. W. Wells, Madison county farmer, Sheriff P. S. Whitlock and Deputy Sheriff Sant Bush went to Lexington Saturday to confer with the Fayette county authorities.

The big touring car, with all curtains on in which the men hurried away after leaving Wells on the hillside, apparently dead, was last seen hastening toward Lexington.

Mr. Wells Saturday afternoon offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the parties who ill-used him so fearfully. D. T. Bogie, brother-in-law, gave notice of reward. County Judge W. K. Price sought to get in communication with Gov. Morrow to have the executive also offer a reward on behalf of the state. Gov. Morrow was said to be in Catlettsburg, however, and could not be reached on the phone.

Mr. Bogie said that he feels confident that the assailants of Mr. Wells were after his large diamond ring. He said that Mr. Wells usually wore the ring or had it on his person. He believes that he was seen with it in Lexington and that the men learned his habits and home and came here to get it if possible.

WIDOW OF BEREAS FIRST PRESIDENT

Mr. R. H. Embree of the Richmond Welch store, has received news of the death at Woodstock, Ill. of his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Embree Rogers, mother of Alan Rogers, publicity manager of the Big Four railroad and former newspaper man of Cincinnati. Mrs. Rogers was the widow of John R. Rogers, the first president of Berea College. Mrs. Rogers' death occurred at Woodstock, Ill. The remains were brought to Berea and taken to the home of President W. J. Hutchins, of Berea College, from whence the funeral will be held Monday. Mrs. Rogers is survived by three children. One of her sons invented the Rogers typograph and afterward became affiliated with the Mergenthaler Linotype company. Another son is editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Catch Murderer in Italy

Cleveland, O., Dec. 3—Vittoria Pisselli, who is said to have stabbed to death Daniel Kaber, a wealthy Lakewood publisher, two years ago, has been captured in Pi Palimosano, Italy, according to word received here from Cleveland detectives. As there is no extradition treaty, he probably will be tried in Italy.

Weather for Kentucky

Unsettled weather tonight and Sunday, probably rain or snow, somewhat colder Sunday.

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ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

The annual Memorial services of Richmond Lodge No. 581 B. P. O. E. will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church. The services are open to the public and you are invited to attend. The following program will be rendered:

Program	
Organ Prelude—Thou Everywhere	Lochner
Opening Ceremony	Exalted Ruler and Esquire
Invocation	Chaplain, Richmond Lodge No. 581
Quartette—Messrs. Bowman, Ballard, Matherly and Arnold	
Roll Call of Absent	Secretary Richmond Lodge No. 581
Solo—The Homeland	Johnson
	Miss Davison
Lodge Exercises	Exalted Ruler and Officers
Duet—Open the Gates	Knapp
	Miss Bright, Miss Nolan
Introduction of Speaker	Exalted Ruler
Address	Dr. R. L. Telford
Quartette—Messrs. Bowman, Ballard, Matherly and Arnold	
Closing Exercises	Officers of Lodge
Benediction	Rev. W. O. Sadler
Organ Postlude	Memorial March
	(Miss Browne Telford, Organist and Director)

EX-POSTMASTER WILSON GETS 3 YEARS

Judge Cochran Passes Sentence On Ravenna Man In Federal Court At London

Louis Wilson, former postmaster at Ravenna, Estill county, was sentenced to serve three years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta by Judge A. M. I. Cochran in U. S. Court at London this week. Wilson was convicted in federal court here of having cashed money orders while serving as postmaster to the amount of nearly \$5,000 and having converted the proceeds to his own use. Judge Cochran postponed sentencing of Wilson until he had studied the case. He handed down the sentence during the term at London.

TOKIO STUDIES ARMS CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS WHILE U. S. MAY JOIN ALLIANCE

Washington, Dec. 3—Another important point in the Far Eastern discussion of the armament conference was won today by China in the committee of nine powers. Great Britain and the Japanese representatives, it was said, agreed to relinquish their leased territorial holdings in Shantung and also reported as offering to discuss retirement from their special territorial privileges in Manchuria.

U. S. MAY BECOME PARTY TO ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE

Washington, Dec. 3—Negotiations in the naval ratio question before the Armament Conference were practically at a standstill today while the Japanese delegates awaited further word from Tokio by today. The results of yesterday's conference between the principal American, British and Japanese delegates were under study by the Japanese cabinet and diplomatic advisory council. All indications were that whatever is proposed as a means to bring the United States and Japan together did not involve abandonment of the 5-5-3 ratio proposed by the United States and supported by Great Britain, but rather concerned other considerations which the Japanese regarded necessary to them. Chief among them is understood to be the question of further fortifications in the Pacific which the Japanese wish to see checked. Another is probably the Anglo-Japanese alliance about which there is feeling there may be some other agreement to which the United States might be a party.

NEW AUDITORIUM TO BE OPENED SUNDAY

After being closed for a month for decoration, the auditorium of the First Christian church will be opened for the first service next Sunday morning. Those who have had an opportunity to see recently decorated churches pronounce this one of the most beautiful auditoriums in the state. The work has been executed by the Schaefer Studios of Dayton, Ohio, one of the best decorating firms in the country.

The women of the church have provided the funds for this splendid improvement. Mrs. R. E. Turley, the president of the organization, has been assisted on the decoration committee by Mrs. E. Tatt Burnam, Mrs. D. Willis Kennedy, Mrs. J. M. Povutz, Mrs. Lewis Neale, Mrs. Henry Cosby, Mrs. C. E. Smoot.

In addition to the wall decoration, radiator shields have been installed and attractive wall lights.

In the opening service Sunday morning there will be special music and Dr. H. W. Carpenter will

HEAVY SNOW STORM COMING FROM WEST

Denver, Colo., Dec. 3—The heaviest snow storm of the season in the Rocky Mountain region was diminishing in intensity today as it moved on to Oklahoma and Northwestern Texas. Six inches of snow fell here and seven in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Today's Livestock Markets
Cincinnati, Dec. 3—Packers 10 cents higher; lights strong; Chicago higher; calves \$12; cattle steady.
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 3—Cattle 200; steady and unchanged; hogs 1,300; 25c higher; tops \$7.25; sheep 350; steady and unchanged.

LEST WE FORGET- THE ONLY PRIZE IS NOT AUTOMOBILES



Miss Lula Rhodus

The attractive daughter of Mrs. Marion Prewitt, of Kirksville, wishes to thank her many friends for giving her such loyal support in the Richmond Daily Register subscription contest.

Miss Rhodus desires to win one of the grand prizes which will be given away on Dec. 15th and her friends and supporters should not fail her at the crucial stage of the game.

Then her diligent work she is one of the leaders in this big contest and since the beginning her name has always been close to the top, and now if her friend will come to her assistance, by sending their renewals and subscriptions to her, and giving her their votes, Miss Rhodus will undoubtedly be a hard competitor in this race.

Two Fine Talking Machines and Big Cash Commissions Will be Given Those Working Actively Through This Campaign

Besides the Dodge Brothers touring car and the Ford sedan, the Daily Register is giving the workers in this subscription contest, two talking machines, one a Victor and the other an Edison. Both of these are the best that money can buy and any home would be proud to have them. Both are on display at Muncy Brothers' Furniture Store. The Dodge car you can see at Wood & White and the Ford sedan is at the Richmond Motor Co. Suppose you go take a look at these grand prizes and see for yourself just what they are and if you do it will put more "pep" in you for after you see these prizes we are sure that you will give every moment of your time in securing subscriptions and thereby getting votes in the last lap of this contest.

Don't Be Discouraged

Of course everybody can't win one of the grand prizes, but you must realize there are four candidates who are going to win them, and why not you be one of this four? Then if you are an active worker, entirely through this campaign, you will receive a liberal cash commission, as the Daily Register is going to allow you ten per cent at the end of this campaign, if you are not one of the first 100, or have not won a cash prize during the contest.

Extra Votes

Remember that next week we still offering you extra votes, but not as many as has been offered for the same amount of money and each week these votes will be smaller, so if you expect to win send in all your subscriptions and don't hold them back as it is against you, for every day you hold them back your extra votes are less.

And Don't Forget

You have just lots of people who have told you if you had a chance to win they would help you. Don't forget to remind them NOW IS THE TIME and you have a good chance to win. Get your promises into subscriptions and do it now for NOW IS THE TIME.

THERE ARE JUST TEN MORE WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE END.

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FATTY ARBUCKLE JURY SEEMS HUNG

San Francisco, Dec. 3—The jury considering the evidence submitted in the trial of Roscoe Arbuckle on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, returned to the jury room from the hotel where they spent the night at 10 o'clock this morning. Reports that the jury was divided 11 to 1 for acquittal persisted today. Arbuckle chatted with newspaper men in an apparent carefree manner and did not have the haggard look he wore last night. Mrs. Pauline Belmont, prosecuting witness against Arbuckle, was arrested yesterday on a charge of bigamy.

Tobacco Barn Burns; Loss About \$7,000

Mr. Sterling, Dec. 3—Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the 12-acre tobacco barn belonging to W. P. Trenlow, near Camargo, this county. Six acres of tobacco of fine quality, 15,000 staves, tier rails, implements and fodder were burned. The loss will reach \$7,000 with only \$3,500 insurance.

Coach Moran's Son To Follow Father's Trade

Knoxville, Dec. 3—Tom Moran, fast halfback of Centre College, and son of Centre's famous coach has been signed up to coach the "Fighting Parsons" of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, in 1922.

Landru, the French bluebeard, has been sentenced to death.

Don't forget Baptist Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 3rd, Masonic Temple. Doors open 9:30.

Today's Produce Prices

Quoted and paid by Renaker Brothers.

Eggs	52 cents doz.
Hens	13 cents lb
Roosters	7 cents lb
Turkeys	25 cents lb
Geese	14 cents lb
Ducks	15 cents lb
Young Guinea	50c head
Old Guinea	30c head
Beef Hides	6 cents lb