

DAUGHTERY ADMITS MORSE CONNECTION

ATTORNEYS OPEN FIGHT TO GAIN WARD'S RELEASE

Justice Young Dismisses Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

DEFENDANT UNMOVED

Expect Lawyers Will Make Bitter Fight to Obtain Freedom for Client.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 26.—Investigation of the shooting of Clarence Peters of Haverhill, Mass., an ex-convict, apparently halted Friday when the state attorney announced that he was waiting a legal battle to obtain his freedom after having been arrested Thursday night.

Late Friday afternoon, Ward, wealthy baker's son, who claims Peters was his brother, was back in the custody of Sheriff George J. Werner, after Supreme Court Justice Young had dismissed a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Ward earlier in the day. Ward's lawyers filed a notice of appeal and announced that meanwhile they would try to obtain their client's release on bail by appearing Saturday before Justice Seeger in Newburgh.

Counsel for the prisoner, who contends that he fired in self-defense after leaving an appointment with Peters near the Resisto reservoir about two weeks ago, argued that he should be released because no charge had been legally preferred against him. He contended that the warrant on which Ward was taken into custody after his \$10,000 bail had been cancelled by Justice Seeger was void because it was not based on the sworn complaint or information of any witness.

Justice Young's decision read: "The relator appears to have voluntarily consented to all proceedings taken by the coroner and the district attorney except his consent on the ground of the insufficiency of the cash bail deposited by him.

"In my opinion it is the duty of the state to cause his arrest for that purpose. The propriety of the increased bail was not argued before me nor was any application to fix the amount of bail presented to me on the arguments.

"For that reason assigned I think the writ must be dismissed and it is so ordered."

Ward, wearing a blue suit with a freshly laundered handkerchief in his breast pocket, entered the court room immediately after the hearing opened. He wore no handcuffs.

Seating himself at his counsel's table he appeared unconcerned. Several times he laughed as he talked with his lawyers.

"I don't think this is the time for these details to be presented and sent broadcast by the press. We contend the argument should be confined to the records of the case alone."

Mr. Weeks then told of Ward's surrender a week after Peters' body was found, and added that he was admitted to bail upon practically the charge which he had made against himself. He added that, under the proceedings instituted by Coroner Fitzgerald, filing of a sworn information was unnecessary. Indications were that the inquest would be held Monday.

WOMAN BIGAMIST STILL AT LARGE

Flint Police Seeking Wife of Night Patrolman and Day Factory Worker.

FLINT, Mich., May 26.—A woman with two husbands who presided over the home of Night Patrolman Anthony Spayer by day and was always at the home of Henry Robuck, a factory employe, when he came from work in the evening, had up to Friday night eluded Flint police who had a warrant charging her with bigamy. The woman, described as 25 years old and attractive, disappeared two days ago when suspicion of her neighbors brought an investigation of the alleged two shift matrimonial tangle.

Both Robuck and Spayer assisted in the search for their "mutual wife" with whom each had lived for some time in ignorance of her alleged relations with the other.

The "night husband" met the "day husband" for the first time Thursday. It developed that the woman always spent the day at Spayer's home and after getting him off to work in the afternoon, went to Robuck's home and had supper waiting when the day's work at the factory was finished.

Robuck married her in St. Louis in 1916 and she became the wife of Spayer April 19, last.

Development Plan For Muscle Shoals Plant Virtually Completed

WASHINGTON, May 26.—A plan for development of the government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was virtually completed Friday by the house military committee. In many respects it conforms to that submitted by Henry Ford but contains certain modifications of the Ford proposals.

One important alteration of the Ford offer, it was understood, eliminates the steam power plant at Gorgas Ala., from the group. Another committee amendment would compel the purchaser or lessee to manufacture fertilizers and sell them to the public throughout the period of the contract whether for 50 or 100 years.

DONOVAN PLEA FOR CLEMENCY DENIED BY PARDON BOARD

Wife Murderer Must Die on Gallows at Michigan City Thursday.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 26.—Plea for commutation to life imprisonment made in behalf of William Donovan, of Bloomingsdale, now a prisoner at Michigan City awaiting execution June 1 for the murder of his wife, were denied Friday by Gov. McCray and the state pardon board.

Donovan was said by the pardon board to be "guilty of a cowardly and dastardly murder, without a single mitigating circumstance."

The board's report, unanimously adopted by A. D. Thomas, Adolph Seldenstick and the Rev. Frank L. Hovis, its three members, was approved by the governor immediately on receipt late in the day.

The death sentence was imposed on Donovan last January 21 by a jury in the Montgomery circuit court at Crawfordsville, the case being venue from Paoli, where the murder occurred. Donovan, shooting his wife as she held her two-year-old babe in her arms. Since his conviction Donovan has asserted that his wife shot herself and the pardon board in commenting on his story said:

"We pronounce that story a lie from beginning to end."

"Donovan was an over-bearing and high-tempered man," continued the report, "and during the 20 years of his marriage was abusive to his family and frequently assaulted his wife, who was a mild-mannered, inoffensive woman."

Referring particularly to the plea for commutation of sentence, the pardon board said:

"Many appeals coming to us in this case have been from persons opposed to capital punishment. Whether capital punishment is right or wrong is not the question in the case, and the individual views of the board on that question are not to be considered in performing this most unpleasant duty. The statute providing for capital punishment is on our books as the expressed will of the people of the state, and has withstood numerous attempts to repeal it. The question is whether the prisoner, guilty of a cowardly and dastardly murder, without a single mitigating circumstance, is to be saved from the punishment fixed by a jury after a fair and impartial trial. The showing made in no way justifies such action on our part."

HOUSE SQUASHES WAR FRAUD CASE

Republican Leaders Declare Resolution Will Never Be Called Before House.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The first round in the house fight to force action on the Woodruff-Johnson resolution for investigation of war frauds and alleged laxity of government prosecutions was lost Friday by those seeking to bring it up.

Speaker Gillett refused to consider under the head of privilege charges by Rep. Johnson, republican, South Dakota, that Chairman Campbell had ignored the order of the rules committee that it be presented. Mr. Johnson appealed from the ruling and by a vote of 149 to 114 the house sustained the speaker by tabling the appeal.

That ended it and republican leaders declared Friday night the resolution would never be called before the house.

Two's Company, Three's a Crowd



TREASURY REMAINS INTACT IN FIGHT OVER COLLECTORS

Petition Is Presented to Harding Asking Reinstatement of Foster and Childs.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The treasury remained intact Friday in connection with the explosions of A. D. Sumner of Iowa, former deputy commissioner, and Maj. C. Childs of Ohio, former supervisor of collectors. Both were appointed of Asst. Secy. Dover and were removed by Revenue Commissioner Blair, acting with approval of Secy. Mellon and upon the recommendation of the simplification board for the consolidation of the accounts unit with the supervisor of collectors.

"Carrying the signature of more than a dozen Ohio congressmen, a petition addressed to Pres't Harding was presented at the White House Friday by Rep. Foster, Ohio, and the dismissal of Maj. Childs and asking that his abilities be utilized somewhere in the government service.

Almost coincidentally, Mr. Blair announced the suspension of Samuel C. Paichell, chief payroll examiner of the accounts unit, and Frederic Gellinger, a clerk, pending investigation into the affairs of the unit. Investigation is being made, it was explained, into the removal of papers from the office of Mr. Sumner after his dismissal, which the bureau alleges were official and Mr. Sumner says are personal.

At the same time it developed that Joseph H. Shawhan, former assistant to Maj. Childs, had been transferred at Atlanta and E. P. Smith, another assistant, had been transferred to Boston.

An unexpected factor was introduced into the situation Friday night by James P. Schock, of New Orleans, accountant of the income tax unit, detailed for special duty with the accounts unit which was under Mr. Sumner, who declared his room at a local hotel had been searched by some one whom he believed connected with the revenue bureau, although he did not know whom to suspect. He exhibited a roomful of belongings turned topsey-turvy and asserted he had been followed recently.

Elmer L. Irey, chief of the special intelligence section of the bureau, which is conducting the investigation, declared he knew nothing of Schock and took occasion to deny reports current in Washington that the bureau was probing into political and religious connections of employes.

BOMB PLOTTERS WRECK HOME OF GARY WOMAN

GARY, May 26.—The home of Mrs. Joseph Romano was wrecked by a bomb Friday. Mrs. Romano, who had just returned from a neighbor's at the time of the explosion was only slightly injured. The woman saw the lighted bomb on the floor and stooped to pick it up when it exploded. Police investigating the case have found no clue.

THE WEATHER Indiana: Unsettled weather Saturday and Sunday; probably showers; not much change in temperature. Lower Michigan: Generally fair in north; unsettled in south portion Saturday and Sunday; with probably showers; not much change in temperature.

Miss Decker Forges to Front Again In Good Will Contest

Beginning of Forecast Changes Takes Place With Filing of 1,000 Votes in Race—Dr. Ward's Presence in City Intensifies Interest.

Miss Josephine Decker went into first place on Friday in the Good Will election, adding 1,000 votes to her total.

This was one of the changes which was forecast early in the week and which is indicating to the friends of the different entrants in this most interesting race that the late vote is cast at 6 o'clock on June 3. Interest in the election and in the purpose of the American committee was increased greatly by the presentation of the conditions in France by Dr. Edna Ward, who is now in the city.

Her three years of work among the people of the devastated districts has given her an insight into the needs of the people and into the demands of the great work to which her committee is pledged. How necessary that work is may be estimated by the fact that Ambassador Herrick has not only consented to act as the president of the committee, but will receive the Good Will delegation when it arrives in Paris. He is more than interested in having some representative of the womanhood of each of the larger American cities visit the country to which he is ambassador and see for themselves the spirit and the needs that exist there.

Efforts Redoubled. This need and the great purpose of the election has resulted in renewed effort on the part of all the candidates. Many reported that they would file a large number of votes on Saturday and some of the rivals, in the most friendly spirit, were confident that they would lead the list at the beginning of the last week of balloting.

As an insight into the financial conditions in France at the present time and the tremendous burden now carried by the people, Dr. Ward says:

"In 1919, the French paid a little less than five billions of taxes; for 1920 they will have to pay 22 1/2 billions (representing taxes to be paid to the state), to which must be added five billions to be paid to local administration (departmental and municipal administration)."

"Would it be possible to demand more of the people at this moment? No. The majority of taxpayers are held in the vicious circle of the political and economic security of France. A minority of war profiteers are owed enormous sums by the state.

Taxation is rigorous. Taxation is rigorously imposed, in the devastated zone as well as in the interior. As an illustration, look at the pretenses of industries under partial operation.

CHILE-PERU TO HOLD JOINT SESSION TODAY WASHINGTON, May 26.—A joint session of the Chilean-Peruvian conference will be held Saturday, it was announced Friday after the Peruvian delegation which had requested a postponement until Monday had received further advice of an important character from Lima. Saturday's session will be held after nearly two weeks of hesitation and uncertainty and after the conference has virtually reduced its issues to a definite basis of negotiation.

PREPARE FOR BIG CROWD AT "GIFT" PARTY

Arrange to Distribute Tickets for Presentation at June Bride Contest.

PRESENTS POURING IN

Interest in Annual News-Times Event Grows as Time of Contest Grows Shorter.

(Prize List on Page Seven) Tickets in the presentation entertainment of the third annual June bride contest of The News-Times, which will be held at the Oliver Opera house, the evening of Monday, June 6th, will be ready for distribution the first of the week, it was announced Friday night by the managers of the novel event.

The tickets to the show, which promises to be one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever given in South Bend, will be absolutely free, but it will be necessary to have tickets of admission to attend the show. All the seats will be reserved and will be distributed from the various stores which have contributed to giving to the June brides and grooms and have co-operated with The News-Times in making it a big success.

Last year twice as many people turned out to the show as could be accommodated in the Oliver theater. The issuance of tickets this year, was hit upon as a plan whereby a jam and much confusion would be eliminated.

Presents Pouring In. Promoters of the annual, June bride show are working night and day to make it the most talked of and enjoyable affair ever held here. Presents are pouring in from progressive South Bend merchants. Nearly 100 different presents have been contributed, representing in value many hundreds of dollars. Nelson L. Jones will have charge of the gift presentation event at the Oliver theater and he will be assisted in this important work by John F. DeHaven.

Anyone who has ever seen Mr. Jones perform realizes that it'll be a show well worth \$3 of anyone's money. Last year, Mr. Jones displayed his ability as a manager of an entertainment of this type when he kept a packed house not only entertained, but rooking with laughter for two solid hours and a half. The judges are also planning this year to share in the fun. Three steel and dentifrice businesses—A. B. Erskine, Fred A. Bryan and Rome C. Stephenson—will forget their business cares for a little while this particular evening and help Messrs. Jones and DeHaven in the fun making.

But five days remains before time decides the brides and grooms of St. Joseph who win the thousands of dollars worth of presents.

Who will win? Nobody knows but there will be a number of entrants, bringing young couples in the race. Judging from the number of inquiries about the contest, being received hourly at The News-Times office.

In Big Success. Nearly 75 companies or individuals have thus far co-operated with The News-Times in presenting gifts to the early June brides and grooms. About 100 presents, all of them of a substantial nature are already on hand.

ADJOURN PARLEY ON STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Wage Committee Enters Hopeless Deadlock and Postpones Further Discussion.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Efforts to settle the anthracite coal strike deadlocked Friday when the joint sub-committee on wage negotiations agreed upon the futility of further parley at present and adjourned until June 2. Whether the negotiations which began March 15 are continued, will depend on developments during the coming week, members declared.

One side of the other must weaken before progress can be made, they asserted. Either the miners must modify their demands for 29 per cent more wages or the operators must lighten their demands for 21 per cent cut.

The last official communication was read into the record by Warriner, speaking for the operators, who replied to a 15-page document submitted last night in which the union men absolutely refused to modify their demands and declined to consider any proposal for future long term contracts with provisions for annual readjustment of wages.

"Our attitude toward the miners' demands is unchanged," said Mr. Warriner. "We have stated at the outset and repeat that to grant them is impossible and wage reductions are imperative. The operators' proposal is not subject to change unless it can be shown that it was wrong in its premise and conclusions. We can not agree to a maintenance of present wages. We will insist upon a reduction approximating that laid down in our offer. Any other course would result in inestimable injury to the industry and to those employees."

DIES OF INJURIES. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 26.—Cetus Waldron, 22, died on the operating table at a hospital here Friday of injuries received yesterday when struck by an automobile here.

"Its Not Right" Says Soderman When Jury Judges Him "Guilty"

DALLAS, Texas, May 26.—D. E. Soderman was found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Day Clay Powers, hotel owner, actor and playwright by a jury in criminal district court tonight and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. The jury rendered its verdict at 10:30 o'clock after having been out four hours and forty-five minutes.

Six ballots were taken, according to E. B. Williams, foreman. The sentence was the maximum under the law.

Judge C. A. Fippen complimented the jury "for its courage in rendering its verdict."

"It is a great day in our courts when men have the courage and fearlessness to make such a verdict," the judge said.

"It's not right but I thank you," called Soderman to the jury with the reading of the verdict. "It's not fair," Mrs. Soderman sobbed.

SAFETY BOARD ADDS 3 NEW MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES

Wesolak Hearing Continued Two Weeks—Chief Lane Explains Poolroom Situation.

In order to fill the 10 vacancies now existing in the police department, three patrolmen were appointed last night at the weekly meeting of the Board of Public Safety, after considering 10 applicants. The men appointed last night are Harry A. Morris, 22 years old, 714 Sanome av., a carpenter by trade; Ernest G. Zimmerman, 28 years old, 114 W. Donald st., railroad switchman, and William E. Christ, 29 years old, 1709 S. Kings st., a mechanic.

Wesolak Hearing Continued. The hearing on the case of Chief Lane regarding the rumored police campaign against pool room vice in the city, Mr. Davies said he wanted to know if the police were making a definite campaign against pool room owners, and if the pool rooms were centers of vice. The chief told Mr. Davies that pool room conditions came to his attention chiefly through reports made to him from the probation department. The chief said that the police department itself had not received complaints against pool room operators, but that the probation officer in his work had reported cases in which those on probation attributed their fall into the hands of police from hanging around pool rooms, and that parents also had made complaints at various times.

Force Co-operating. In regard to their being any definite campaign being waged against pool room operators, Chief Lane said that the department was co-operating with the probation officer in every possible means, inasmuch as that officer was merely an officer of the court without means of his own for enforcing laws.

"Boys ranging from 17 to 19, and large for their age," said the chief, "can easily pass themselves off as being much older, and I dare say in most cases the poolroom owners either do not care to investigate any further or have no desire to enforce the age limit law. I have instructed the men on the beat to visit such places and I know this is being done."

Chief Lane said that pool room operators had been warned before that the law must be obeyed by them, and that all the men on the force have had their orders to visit pool rooms and see that the laws are being obeyed.

The newly appointed officers will report at once for a physical examination by the department doctor, and will be assigned to a beat after other minor details are arranged for. The three men will fill the shortage now existing on the night shift, due to the suspending of officers Burzask, Wesolak and Ransberger.

Asks Full Force. Chief Laurence Lana recommended that the force be filled to its full quota as soon as conditions would permit. The force as it now stands is still short seven officers in comparison with the makeup of the year when the present administration took charge.

In addressing the board the chief emphasized the fact that the police department should grow in accordance with the growth of the city. "The city has already begun to grow because of the wide publicity given to the expansion program now existing on the night shift. We would be making a great mistake not to build up the department in the same degree."

Wesolak Hearing Continued. The hearing of the charges lodged against Officer William Wesolak scheduled to be started last night, was postponed until Friday night, June 9, to allow his attorney, George Sands, time to investigate the charges. Atty. Sands, informed the board that he was not notified of the charges on the 24th of May and was informed of the charges on the 26th which he held on the 26th which he considered was not sufficient time to prepare his case. The board willingly agreed to the postponement.

The board formally declared the position of patrolman held by Frank Ransberger, who was found Sunday, still wearing his uniform, in an intoxicated condition, as vacated. Ransberger was only a probationer.

DENIES SAYING HE HAD NO PART IN PARDON CASE

Attorney General Says Sen. Watson Must Have Misunderstood Him.

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Watson, of Georgia, Says Letter Evades Issue and Carries No Conviction.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Atty. Gen. Daugherty, in a letter to Sen. Watson, republican, Indiana, read Friday in the senate on the latter's request, denies that he told the Indiana senator that he had no connection with the procuring of a pardon for Charles W. Morse, as asserted by Sen. Watson in the senate on May 2 when Sen. Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, opened his attack on the attorney general.

Mr. Daugherty said he regretted if Sen. Watson misunderstood him. He wrote that he remembered the general discussion of the Morse case with the senator, and added:

"I certainly did not make the statement to you that I had no connection with the Morse case."

The attorney general said he had no "disposition to deny" his connection with the case and added that he received about \$4,000 from Thomas B. Feider in connection with it, but that this sum was sufficient to pay only half of the expenses.

Sen. Caraway told the senate there could be no question of misunderstanding; that Sen. Watson either repeated what was told him, or had misrepresented the attorney general. Asserting that he did not believe there had been any misrepresentation by the Indiana senator, Sen. Caraway said another republican senator had told him that the attorney general had made the same denial to him.

"It is true or it is not true," said Sen. Caraway. "The attorney general said he did not wish to be understood as saying that he did not represent Morse. I know that unless the senator from Indiana was intentionally misrepresenting the attorney general, and of course I cannot think he would do that, the attorney general told what the senator from Indiana stated. This is a question between the attorney general and his friends. If they are willing to bear the imputation that they misrepresented him in order to null him out of a hole, it is up to them."

Presented by Lenroot. Mr. Daugherty's letter of May 23 was presented by Sen. Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, who explained that he did not have the telegraphic request of Sen. Watson, who is in Indiana.

"I remember very well a general discussion we had some time ago regarding the Morse case," said the senator. "I can not recall the exact discussion, but the statement to you that I had no connection with the Morse case, civil and criminal. My connection with these cases was well known throughout the country because of extended publicity some years ago. I never denied it and I have no disposition to deny it now. Nothing was done by me or anybody else in connection with these cases that could not be known to the whole world without reflection on any one."

GIRL'S FATHER KILLS ASSAILANT

Parent of Outraged Girl Shoots Negro When He Is Brought to Her Home.

WACO, Tex., May 26.—A 23-year-old negro was killed here Friday by the father of Mrs. Margaret Hayes, victim of an attack Thursday night, when she identified the negro as her assailant. Seven shots were fired into the negro at the home of the girl's father, and the head was then beaten in by clubs. The body has been taken to the public square and preparations made to bury it.

The negro was apprehended on the public square Thursday afternoon by E. L. McCreary, a telegraph operator, who, with his wife took him to the home of the girl. When the negro entered the room the girl screamed that it was he who attacked her.

The father, Sam Harris, then grabbed a pistol and began firing. A crowd formed the undertaking parades the body was taken, dragged the corpse behind a truck through the streets and burned it on the public square.

A detachment of state rangers was ordered to entrain for Waco Friday in response to a request from County Attorney Frank Eirey who said he needed assistance in controlling the situation. The rangers carried two machine guns and other firearms.

AVIATORS FORCED TO DELAY WORLD FLIGHT PARIS, May 26.—Maj. W. T. Blake and his companions in their attempted flight around the world, who flew from London to Lebourg, near Paris, Wednesday, failed to get away Friday in continuation of their journey. It was announced that spare parts were being awaited.