

CONSPIRACY, FRAUD AND SECRECY CHARGED IN TEAPOT LEASE

FLORIDA YOUTH MAKES CONFESSION OF MURDER OF PUTNAM SCHOOL MAN

CRIME CHARGED TO ILLINOIS AND NEW YORK BOYS

TAMPA BOY BARELY 21 YEARS OF AGE TELLS GRUESOME STORY

ATHENS, Ga., March 8.—"F. L. Coggeshall is the one who hit the old man in the Dodge car with an iron auto spring!" cried S. J. Scarborough, brought here from Atlanta by detectives working on the slaying of Professor W. C. Wright, Superintendent of Putnam County Schools.

The young man, barely 21 years of age, whose home is Tampa, Florida, began this gruesome story at the midnight hour Saturday while he, with four officers, stood at the scene on the highway where the car of the dead professor was found.

"Coggeshall did it! Coggeshall did it!" he wept. "Take me away from here—back to the jail—anywhere, and I will tell everything!" Then the young man, pale and trembling, eager to unbend himself, escorted by Athens Detectives Jack Lester and Charles Seagrave, with County Officers R. A. Seay, Sr., and junior, made back to Athens jail.

He told his story first to the officers. Told them of the plan, he charged had been originated by F. W. McClellan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to rob somebody in the car by asking for a "lift," told them details of how Coggeshall had struck the man twice in the back of the head, jerked him into the rear seat and there hit him more.

He recounted the crime in every detail, leaving out nothing. He charged that Coggeshall dragged the groaning man from the car into the road, rolled him into a ditch and there fell upon him to beat him more.

"He hit him many times—I don't know how many times he did hit him!" he half whispered.

"Then we searched him and found an old, worn pocketbook with some papers in it and a \$5 bill. We took this and McClellan got into the car and started driving towards Athens. We all jumped in and got

SOVIET PROPAGANDA COST \$190,000,000 IN ONE YEAR

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Expenditures by the Russian soviet government this year for public education amounting to between a hundred and sixty millions and a hundred and eighty million dollars, will exceed more than a hundred and twenty percent of the outlay for that purpose in the fiscal year of 1923 and 1924, according to a statement issued here today by the Russian information bureau.

POULTRY PICK UP CAR WILL BE OPERATED ON FRIDAY, MARCH THIRTEEN

The next poultry pick up car through Cordele on the Seaboard will be here Friday, March thirteen. All those who have poultry to sell are warned about Friday, the thirteenth.

Those who bring their poultry are urged not to feed the chickens before bringing them. This will cause docking in weight. On the last car over eighteen thousand pounds of poultry was taken and the price paid was \$3,990. Seaboard officials and the poultry buyer hope to make it larger this time.

Students of Bible School Had Excellent Program on Saturday

One of the most appealing programs witnessed at the Baptist church here in many a day was that of the students of Bible School Park in New York, when some twenty-one of the young people representing as many nations gave their personal experiences as to how they became Christians. No more earnest appeal could possibly have been made. The house was crowded all throughout the long program they gave.

SEES END OF STRUGGLE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY CAPITAL VERSUS LABOR

NEW YORK, March 9.—The United States is experiencing a redistribution of property ownership on a scale which promises to end the struggle of capital versus labor, is the opinion of Thomas N. Carver, professor of political economy at Harvard, as expressed in a speech prepared for delivery today before the academy of political science.

Dodge car came along and we asked him for a lift. He let us in and we rode along talking. I was in the front seat and Coggeshall was in the back seat.

"When the car drew near to where McClellan was waiting, Coggeshall told the old man to stop, that he wanted to get out then. When the car stopped, Coggeshall took up an iron automobile spring and hit the old man twice over the head and then jerked him into the back seat and hit him some more.

"Coggeshall had found the iron spring during the day and he had said that he was going to hit some man with it before night.

"After he had beat the old man some more he dragged his body out of the car and it rolled into a ditch. Coggeshall hit him, many times, I don't know how many.

"We found a pocketbook and some papers. The pocketbook only had five dollars in it and we took this.

"McClellan drove us toward Athens and he rode until about 2 o'clock, then McClellan suggested that we hide the car. He said that he had hid too many of them and they won't find this one."

"Then McClellan went through the papers that he had taken off the old man, and then we got a ride on the highway and spent the night in a tourist camp near Athens.

"I have made this confession voluntarily and without force from any officer of the law. (Signed):

F. J. SCARBOROUGH."

OIL MEN HIDE OUT AS TEAPOT DOME FIGHT IS OPENED

ATTEMPT TO WIN BACK TEAPOT DOME FOR GOVERNMENT BEGINS.

CHEYENNE, WYOMING, March 9.—The attempt to win back Teapot Dome to the government was the task Atleo Pomerene and Owen Droberty, special counsel for the United States faced when they went into federal court today opening the government's lease annulment suit against the Mammoth Oil Company, a Harry F. Sinclair concern.

Pomerene was scheduled to open the case for the government with a review of the transaction leading up to granting of the lease. Following the opening statement it is expected that Edward C. Finney, assistant secretary of the interior wanted to call to the stand as the government's first witness.

Inability of the United States marshals to locate Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, who was sought as a government witness were not caused by delay in the trial according to Mr. Roberts, who said he was conducting through his personal agent a country-wide search for the oil man.

Pomerene in opening the case declared the government would seek revocation of the lease on two grounds. First it without authority of law because it was let to the Mammoth without competitive bidding; secondly the lease was entered into as the result of a conspiracy on the part of Sinclair and the secretary of the interior.

The alleged conspiracy Pomerene said was against the interest of the government officials.

Sinclair appeared in court a few minutes before the bailiff rapped for order. Pomerene said it would be shown that while the transaction between fall and Sinclair were actually underway statements were made to the public that nothing was being done.

PERRY RESIGNS PLACE AS HANDLEY MANAGER

Mr. W. T. Perry, who has been manager of the Handley Oil and Supply Company here since the organization of the new business in Cordele, has resigned his place. Nothing definite can be announced as to who will be his successor or what will be his new business. He desires to ask the customers and friends of the company to keep their patronage going in the same fine manner as in the past.

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MASKED MEN MAKE ANOTHER WOMAN ROBBERY VICTIM

BROKE DOWN DOORS OF NEW YORK STUDIO AND ESCAPED WITH VALUABLES.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Three masked men broke into the studio apartment of Mrs. Fay Perkins, at West Fifty-Eighth Street early today and escaped with jewelry valued at fifty thousand dollars after beating Mrs. Perkins and binding and gagging her escort, Milton Abbott, a wealthy cotton broker.

With Abbott securely bound, the intruders took a small amount of money from his pockets. Mrs. Perkins screamed and the robbers threatened to kill her. They beat her in the face with revolver butts. Osband tried to remove a ring with his hands, but failed. He then put the finger in his mouth and forced the ring off her finger.

The robbers chopped down the doors to the apartment making an entrance. They are believed by the police to have been members of the same gang that robbed the apartments of Louise Lawson and Dorothy Sean, who were murdered.

Mrs. Perkins and her companion had just returned to her apartment after dining at one of Broadway's fashionable supper clubs and making the rounds of other sight resorts.

A crowbar and other tools were found at the scene, used in breaking into the apartment.

NEW YEAR WORK IN CRISP STARTS WITH GIRLS IN CLUB MEETING AT PENIA

By Miss Ida Bell

At the meeting of the Girl's Club at Penia, Friday morning, the girls were given instructions in gardening, the kind of seed to be used, the preparation of the boxes and the planting of seed, and their care. The girls are urged to plant a variety of vegetables for home use and for canning. A succession of vegetables is stressed so as to have vegetables all summer and a surplus to can.

After the discussion of garden work, the girls had a lesson in sewing. The different fibers, cotton, linen, silk and wool, were discussed.

Suggestions were given the girls in selecting suitable materials for various clothes and garments. The best kinds of materials to be used and the characteristics each. We expect to start some actual work at an early date, but we want the girls to have some idea about selecting the material to be used for these articles.

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LIQUOR CARS GOT INTO MUCH TROUBLE WHEN THEY STRUCK CROSSINGS

Samuel Everett, a negro farmer on a plantation east of town got into lots of trouble when he disputed the right to an Eighth street rail crossing Saturday night while "hit" with tiger liquor and feeling his importance.

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EUROPE HAS ALL EYES ON LEAGUE COUNCIL AS VITAL ISSUES FACED

PUT AWAY SPIRIT OFF ACTIONALISM SAYS ROBINSON

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE TRYING TO GET EARLY SUMMER CONFERENCE FOR PARTY START

GENEVA SECRETARY PROTOCOL IS PROBLEM OF SESSION FOR BRITISH

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Austin Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, as president of the Council opened the twenty-third session of the Council of the League of Nations today. So great was the throng in the corridors of the League palace, he literally had to edge his way into the council chamber.

Diplomats, governmental agents and newspapermen had come from all corners of Europe attracted by the large number of important questions on the program.

Outstanding is the problem of the Geneva Security Protocol which great Britain is expected to declare unsuited to British ideas. The British seem to resent advancement of the idea that they were killing the Protocol. Representatives insist that they intend to explain their objections to the proposed pact.

The most important questions on the Council's program are the Greco-Turkish dispute over the expulsion of the Patriarch of Constantinople and the League's investigation of German armaments.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and the Winona Baptist Sunday School for their many favors, expressions of sympathy and lovely floral offerings in the recent death of our dear little one.

May God's richest blessings abide with each and every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith and family.

JAPAN TO LIMIT MANEUVERS

TOKIO Feb. 6 (AP) — Tentative plans for the maneuvers of the Japanese navy next autumn contemplate operation decidedly limited in extent and scale as compared with those recently concluded. It is understood the problem will be strategical rather than tactical.

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