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Columbia Man Kills His Partner For Life Insurance

Columbia, May 11.—Frank M. Jeffords and Ira Harrison were held as principals and Glenn Treece as an accessory in the death of J. C. Arnette by the coroner's jury investigating the killing last night, the verdict being reached after a few minutes' deliberation over testimony that had required approximately two hours and a half to be heard. Jeffords was a partner of Arnette's in the operation of the Elmwood filling station at the corner of Elmwood avenue and Main street, where the crime was committed, while both Harrison and Treece were employees of the filling station.

The case against the three men, as presented before the coroner's jury, is bottomed largely upon the testimony of officers as to admissions they said were made by Harrison, Treece and Jeffords, following their arrest yesterday morning, all three men, officers said, having voluntarily admitted complicity in the death of Arnette.

Confesses to Officers.
This secondary evidence serves particularly to bolster up Harrison's and Treece's statement of the motive of the crime, as retold by officers at the inquest. The two men, officers testified, said that about two weeks ago Jeffords, Harrison and Treece plotted to take Mr. Arnette's life, Jeffords, Harrison and Treece told officers, having promised each of his two confederates a third interest in the filling station and a third for of the insurance money, which would have been paid Jeffords upon Arnette's death. Treece, officers testified, told them that his family was in poor circumstances and that he saw in entering the plot an opportunity "to get into business." J. L. Seegars, insurance agent, testified in partial corroboration of these statements that Arnette and Jeffords had taken out three policies for \$2,000 each with his company. One of these policies for \$2,000, Mr. Seegars said, was taken out by Arnette with Jeffords named as beneficiary. A second policy for \$2,000 was taken out by Jeffords with Arnette as beneficiary. The third policy, also for \$2,000, was a joint policy, Mr. Seegars said, and was payable to the survivor upon the death of either Arnette or Jeffords. Thus, Mr. Seegars said, Jeffords would have been able to collect \$4,000 in insurance upon Arnette's death. These two policies, he testified, are now due and payable.

Details of Crime.
It was this insurance that the trio particularly wanted to secure, according to Harrison and Treece, officers said. Payment on one of the policies was due and, according to Harrison's and Treece's story as retold by officers at the inquest, the three men met at Logan school at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night and decided that they would postpone the deed no longer. The three men, Harrison and Treece told officers, then at about 11 o'clock went to the filling station, Treece remaining at the front to cut off the lights and to keep a lookout for any one who might pass, while Harrison and Jeffords entered the rear room of the building through the side door, which Treece had, according to the story, previously opened. Harrison, officers testified, said that Arnette walked to the rear of the filling station of his own accord. Harrison, it was also testified, admitted that he had struck the first blow, hitting Mr. Arnette on the head with a stick. The blow, Harrison said, according to the officers, failed to knock Mr. Arnette down and Harrison then, according to his story, became frightened and moved away to be called back by Jeffords. Jeffords, Harrison told the officers, after the first blow had been struck, caught Mr. Arnette by the neck, dragged him over a few feet and then, according to Harrison's tale, hit him several times in the head

COPE SCHOOL CLOSSES.

P. W. Bethea Delivers Address to Students.

Cope, May 13.—Another successful school session came to an end Thursday evening, when the commencement exercises were held at the school house.

The hall was filled to overflowing and many failed to gain admittance.

A play by the boys, and several songs by the high school girls were enjoyed, as was an essay by the only graduate at this session, Miss Nettie Lee Kittrell.

Prof. P. W. Bethea, state superintendent of rural schools, made the address of the evening. His subject, "Preparation and Education," was appropriate and well delivered.

W. A. Schiffley, county superintendent of education, presented the graduate with a diploma with a short but fitting address; he said he was disappointed in not seeing the boys in the graduating class.

Master Edward Griffith, a sixth grade pupil, was given a certificate for perfect attendance for eight months, he having been present every day and not late one time.

Little Lois Valentine, the smallest pupil, a first grader, was also given a token for attendance. She never missed a day and was late only once, through the fault of an automobile causing the delay.

Prof. Cartrette and his efficient corps of teachers, deserve the praise of the patrons of the community, for this, another successful year's work with a Ford axle.

Placed in Automobile.

Arnette's automobile, according to the story told officers by both Harrison and Treece, was then backed into the rear room and the body placed in it. Harrison, the officers testified, admitted that he acted as driver, the body being placed in the front seat beside him, Harrison told them, they said, while Treece sat in the back seat, holding the body upright. Harrison then, according to the officers, told of his driving the car with its gruesome passenger out Elmwood avenue to Price street and thence to Camp Formance and then back to Main street and later to the Bay Creek bridge on Kirkland avenue, where, according to Harrison, the officers said, it had been agreed that the automobile should be run off the road as if by accident. Treece, according to both his own story and the tale told by Harrison, it was testified, jumped out of the automobile near George Newman's residence. The remainder of the trip to the bridge, Harrison admitted, according to officers, was made with Mr. Arnette's head leaning on Harrison's right arm as he drove the car. This fact, Harrison told the police, would explain the bloodstains found upon the sleeve and right hand pocket of his coat. Harrison, the officers said, also told them that he pushed the automobile off the road into the ditch unassisted.

No Knowledge of Fire.

Both Harrison and Treece denied any knowledge of the fire in the filling station, officers testified, while Jeffords made no statement as to the fire, which apparently broke out either while Harrison and Treece were taking the body away from the garage or later when the trio were presumed to have gone to bed. Both Harrison, who was first arrested, and Treece, who was taken into custody a few minutes later, officers testified, were found in bed. Harrison apparently asleep with his bloody coat hanging on a nail above the bed. Harrison, the officers said, admitted the ownership of the coat and when he was taken to the station voluntarily told his story, implicating both Treece and Jeffords. Jeffords was arrested in front of his filling station at about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, the officers said, and when brought to the police station confessed to complicity in the crime, they claim, admitting that he had changed his clothes since the killing. A dark suit, which the officers said, Jeffords admitted was the suit he had worn at the time, was later brought to the police station. The coat of this suit, blood stained on both sleeves, was shown the jury as was also the suit found in Harrison's room. Officers also exhibited a pistol, which they said was taken from Jeffords after his arrest.

COOPER GETS PLACE ON FARM LOAN BOARD.

Washington, May 11.—The president today nominated Robert A. Cooper, governor of South Carolina, to be a member of the federal farm loan board.

Governor Cooper, who conferred with the president yesterday, stated, before returning to South Carolina, that if he received the appointment he would tender his resignation as governor and enter upon his duties in Washington as soon as he was confirmed by the senate.

Governor Cooper will succeed former representative A. F. Lever, who resigned some weeks ago to organize a federal farm loan bank in Columbia. The unexpired term will run two years, whereas the term of Governor Cooper as governor would have expired next January. It is said to be reasonably certain that Governor Cooper will be appointed for a full term at the expiration of the unexpired term.

The appointment of Governor Cooper came in the nature of a surprise, as it was understood that the president had virtually promised the place to Richard S. Whaley, former member of congress from South Carolina, with whom he frequently plays golf. It is understood that when Senator N. B. Dial, of South Carolina, two weeks ago suggested the name of Governor Cooper to the president he was left under the impression that the place had been promised Mr. Whaley. Senator Dial informed the president that he had no desire to interfere with the effort of Mr. Whaley to secure the place, but that if Mr. Whaley were not named, he would like for him to consider Governor Cooper.

The president was delighted with Governor Cooper yesterday. He had the advantage of Mr. Whaley in that he was represented as a "dirt" farmer familiar with farming and banking, as well as financing institutions and states. In the afternoon he attended the local tennis tournament with the president.

Senator Dial expressed himself today as delighted with the Cooper appointment. He characterized Governor Cooper as a man of the highest type who would render the country excellent service on the farm loan board. He was congratulated by his senatorial colleagues as having "put over" his friend in the fact of what in the beginning appeared to be insurmountable obstacles. There is no doubt respecting the confirmation of the nomination by the senate, at which time Lieut. Gov. Wilson G. Harvey will become governor of South Carolina.

MUST SERVE TIME.

Charleston Tigers Will Have to Work On the Chaingang.

After a lengthy hearing before Circuit Judge Edward McIver, says a Charleston dispatch of last Friday, the well known jurist decided that both Joseph Chicco and Willie Hills had violated the conditions of their suspended sentences awarded them during June, 1919, and should each serve out, either on the county chain gang or in the state penitentiary, eight months, it being felt that they were in a measure at least engaged in violation of the South Carolina prohibition laws during last September. Notice of an appeal was served by Attorneys Waring and Brockington and bond placed at \$2,000, the defendants being in the custody of their attorneys until after the order is signed this morning.

The two men, Joe Chicco and Willie Hills, pleaded guilty to charges of violating the state prohibition law on June 7 and June 6, respectively, 1919, and Judge R. Withers Meminger outlined the sentences in the cases. He sentenced the defendants to twelve months in the state penitentiary or on the county chaingang, this to be made lighter on payment of \$300 fines, with eight months service, each to be suspended upon good behavior.

Money Allotted to Bamberg.

W. E. Free, secretary and treasurer of the Bamberg National Farm Loan association, states that the local association has been allotted \$13,500 at this time, and this money must be applied for before the 5th of June. Mr. Free also wishes to remind all prospective borrowers that none but "simon pure" farmers are eligible to participate in this money distribution. Any parties interested in this matter will do well to consult Mr. Free about it at once.

JURY IN AIKEN

CONVICTS LYLE.

Aiken, May 13.—While Judge Hayne F. Rice was passing sentence upon Milton Lyle, convicted of forgery and uttering a forged instrument on an Aiken bank, before a crowded court room this afternoon the fire alarm sounded and through the windows of the court room a cloud of smoke was visible three or four blocks away. Immediately sentence had been passed some one announced that Judge Rice's home on south Boundary was on fire. Court was hastily adjourned and the crowd went to the scene. The roof of Judge Rice's home was burned. The origin of the fire is not known, but possibly came from defective wiring.

The jury had been out since 1 o'clock. Shortly after 4:30 o'clock this afternoon it was announced that a verdict had been reached. This was rendered as guilty. Lyle then went into the dock to receive the sentence of the court. Under the law Judge Rice told him the extreme penalty was seven years. The sentence of the court was four years at hard labor on public roads of Aiken county, or in the penitentiary.

Lyle heard sentence passed upon him and his counsel immediately gave notice of a possible appeal.

There are two more charges against Lyle, both similar to that on which he was today convicted for passing forged instruments upon the First National bank and the Bank of Western Carolina here. In addition there are charges pending against him at several other points in Georgia and South Carolina. The conviction of Lyle means that J. C. Westbury and Sam Padgett will also be tried for forgery, passing forged instruments and conspiracy.

DIAMOND HELD UP FOR P. JOYCE.

Custom Officials Close Lid on Valuable "Sparkler."

New York, May 12.—Custom officials late today seized a diamond and emerald plaque valued at \$24,000 belonging to Peggy Hopkins Joyce, which they asserted the actress had not declared when she returned today from Paris on the Mauretania.

They returned to her, however, twenty-four other pieces of jewelry, including rings, with diamonds weighing forty-one carats and two strands of pearls valued at more than \$400,000.

These were promptly turned over to a private detective whom the actress had engaged by wireless to serve as her body guard because of the crime wave which she said she had read was sweeping over New York.

Peggy, frothing with indignation on her trip when she learned motion picture house owners, meeting in Washington, had banned "for the good of the screen" any pictures in which she might be shown appeared not in the least concerned when her trunks were taken to the custom house for examination.

Puffs Cigarettes.

In a costume featuring sables, champagne colored stockings and a blue turban, she followed her belongings from the pier, and watched the examination. She puffed away half a box of cigarettes and chatted with the force while appraisers plied her with questions.

Her attorney, William J. Fallon, who accompanied her, later issued a statement in which he asserted that "there would be other developments" when the examination was continued tomorrow.

In the course of the day, the actress, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the suicide in Paris of "Billy" Errazuriz, attache of the Chilean embassy, denounced as "lies" many statements concerning her. She vehemently denied that she was a "vampire" or that she was of the "butterfly type" and she made it quite plain, as did her lawyer, that she intends to fight any proposal of movie house owners to keep her off the screen.

"I expect to stay in this country about six weeks," she said, "during which period I expect to hop over to California to look the place over and perhaps do pictures."

Woman Notary Unites Couple.

Miss Joan M. Caughman, clerk in the office of the judge of probate, is the first woman in Columbia to marry a couple in Richland county. Miss Caughman is a notary public and yesterday she united a young white couple in the presence of a few witnesses.—The State.

Herald Offers Cash Prizes For Solution of Puzzle

\$15,000 FOR LOVE NOTES.

Indian Guide Sells Out to Stillman Lawyers.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 12.—Testimony that two letters written by Mrs. Anne U. Stillman to Fred Beauvais, Indian guide, had been purchased last week from Beauvais for \$15,000 by one of the lawyers representing James A. Stillman, divorce suit plaintiff, was understood to have been given late today in the trial of his case.

The testimony was attributed to Edmund Lee, former New York policeman now employed as a detective for Mr. Stillman. The two letters were those which ended "lots of Canadian love" and were signed "Kabritio," the Indian word meaning "Dear Flower."

Mrs. Stillman was asked yesterday to admit authorship of them.

Met Indian Guide.

According to Lee's testimony, he and Severidge Johnson, investigator for the plaintiff, went to Montreal with a newspaper man and after conducting negotiations with Beauvais, one of Mr. Stillman's lawyers followed them to Canada and paid the guide \$15,000 for the letters.

Lee's testimony was an eleventh-hour surprise. Both sides tentatively closed their cases shortly after he left the stand. Mrs. Stillman, who was not in the hearing at the time, said "outrageous, preposterous" when informed of the report, and added, "it's framing by detectives."

Emerging from the hearing, the lawyer said to have paid \$15,000 for the letter began arguing with a taxi driver who wanted \$15 for a round trip to a country hotel several miles away.

BRANCHVILLE MEN IN ACCIDENT.

Picnic Party Was in Car Which Turned Over Completely.

Branchville, May 15.—In an automobile accident Thursday afternoon near Cordova, D. L. Rhoad, Jr., was painfully but not seriously injured. The accident happened about a mile from Cordova between the picnic grounds and town. Harry Barrs, driver of the car, had started to town to get some cigars. Jack Watson had already gone to town in Mr. Barrs's car so he drove the car of one of his friends, who was over to the picnic. The steering wheel was a large one and the car was hard to steer. Mr. Barrs was driving slowly but hit a sand bed and lost control of the car, it is said, and it ran into a pole and turned completely over. The engine was still running when assistance came. Five of those in the car were pinned under it and were unable to move until the others turned the car back up. Mr. Rhoad was the only one to get hurt. Harry Barrs, driver, Edison Buie, Tom Von Lehe, Ralph McCracken, Will Watson, R. C. Jones, and D. L. Rhoad, Jr. R. C. Jones, who was standing on the running board was thrown completely over the car and barely escaped the turning wheels as he fell. The car was not damaged much.

CLAUDE J. RAST ACQUITTED.

Jury Returns Verdict After Being Out Two Hours.

Orangeburg, May 10.—The jury trying Claude J. Rast, former superintendent of education of Orangeburg county, charged with assault and intent to ravish, after being out about two hours, returned a verdict of not guilty. During the morning strong arguments concluded the case. Judge Mendel L. Smith, who closed the case for the defendant, made an address for his client.

Upon the conclusion of this case a negro named Sam Jones was tried, charged with housebreaking and burglary, and was found guilty and Judge Bowman sentenced him to serve five years.

A case of interest will come up in the morning. Four young white boys of Norway are charged with breaking into the depot there several months ago. Some cigarettes were found about seventy-five yards from where the boys were camping on the river.

The man whom progress dropped behind some years ago finds some consolation in scolding about "ignorant majorities."

How would you like to receive a check for \$50.00? Well, here's your opportunity. Look on another page of The Herald today and you will see a full page announcement of The Herald's big Bee Hive Picture Puzzle. Everybody likes a puzzle, especially when you can win \$50.00 by using your head.

This contest is different from the ordinary subscription contest, where in the contestant receiving the highest number of votes is awarded the prize. In the Bee Hive contest you receive the benefit of your own brain. You do not have to spend all your time working among your friends to get votes. This contest is free to everybody, white and colored, and prizes are awarded to the six winners, whether they are subscribers to The Herald or not.

However, if you qualify your answer with one or more subscriptions to The Herald,

your prize is increased accordingly to the scale published on the Contest page. For instance, if no subscription is sent in with your answer, the first prize winner receives a check for \$3, but if one year

ly subscription (\$2.00) is sent in with the answer, the first prize is increased to \$25; if two yearly subscriptions or one two years' subscription, \$35, or if three yearly subscriptions or one three years' subscription, the prize is \$50.00.

You do not have to subscribe to The Herald, however, in order to send in your answer.

The rules of the contest are simple. Any school boy or girl can enter by studying the picture and finding all of the objects beginning with the letter "B." Read over the rules carefully before you start, so that you will fully understand the conditions. When you mail your list of words to The Herald, you may qualify your answer with one, two or three one year subscriptions instead of the single subscriptions, which count the same thing. In other words, you may send in your subscription for two years, which is the same as sending in two one year subscriptions.

No distinction is made between old and new subscribers. In sending in subscriptions with your list, however, be sure the names are correct, with the proper postoffice address and R. F. D. route. No matter where you live, you may enter the Bee Hive Picture Contest.

It does not cost you a cent to enter. No money payment is accepted under any conditions. Only subscriptions to The Herald can qualify you for one of the larger prizes. The contest ends June 20, 1922, and your letter must be mailed on that day or before.

The winners will be announced as soon after June 20 as decision can be made. All prizes are cash.

DAD WANTS BONUS.

Father of Triplets Seeks Government Aid.

The happy father of triplets, Dallas W. Robinson, of Canton, N. C., has through a friend made inquiry to Senator Simmons to know if the federal government offers a bonus to parents of "three-lets."

"This is rather a peculiar thing in its nature," the friend wrote to the senators, "but one of our democratic friends wants to know if there is such a thing as a premium or prize given by the federal government to the man or woman who is father or mother of three children all born at the same time.

"His name is Dallas W. Robinson, of Canton, Haywood county. He states to me that he read in a paper that where parents have triplets of this sort, the government would pay a premium of \$100 for each child. I will thank you for this information." Senator Simmons is writing the anxious parents to regretfully inform them that the government does not maintain a subsidy for such occasions, and wishes for them and their new family additions a long and happy life.



This B. is busy,
So should you B,
And win a prize
Quite easily.