

Witness Tells of Execution by U. S. Firing Squad

High School Teacher Says Soldier Pleaded to Meet Death With Eyes Unbound.

Washington, Jan. 19.—George Washington Yarbrough, a high school teacher of Roanoke, Ala., and rated as the welterweight champion of the A. E. F., told a senate investigating committee today that he had witnessed the shooting of an American soldier by a firing squad near the Chateau Thierry region in July, 1918.

Regarded by the committee as probably the most clear-headed of all the former service men testifying concerning the alleged slaying of soldiers without trial, Yarbrough, himself a reluctant witness, declared the sight of the man being led to his death, with hands tied behind his back, made him forget for the moment the screaming of many shells flying overhead. The witness said he was close enough when the officer commanding the squad gave the order to fire, to hear the soldier, barely 20, plead to be permitted to die with his eyes unbound.

Members of the committee and Col. Walter A. Bethel, assistant military advocate general of the army, listened closely to the recital as evidence from War department sources heretofore presented failed to show where men had met death that way. The witness explained that he could not give the names of the men with him at the time, because they were not attached to his outfit.

There had been camp reports, the witness said, that the soldier was shot for neglect of duty in battle.

Much testimony relating to alleged abuse of enlisted men cropped out again, along with further references to the conduct of "Hard-Boiled" Smith. Two former service men testified they had seen three public executions at Is-Sur-Tille, at which station War department records show only two men were hanged.

The hearing was adjourned until next Wednesday.

Davis Silent on Race for Senate

Attorney General Returns Enthusiastic Over Irrigation Project.

Lincoln, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Upon his return from Washington, where he represented Nebraska in a suit brought in the United States supreme court by several states to force Colorado to give part of the water rights from the Platte and Republican rivers to the other states for irrigation purposes, Attorney General Clarence A. Davis refused to discuss his probable candidacy for the United States senate.

Davis was enthusiastic over the work done by Congressman Kincaid, chairman of the house committee on irrigation, and A. R. Humphrey of Broken Bow, the secretary of the committee, in pushing projects for building storage reservoirs along rivers in western Nebraska to aid in irrigating arid lands.

Colorado, Davis reported, is anxious to enter into a compact with Nebraska which would give this state a site for a storage reservoir. Davis believes Nebraska should not enter into such an agreement, as later developments might give the state better irrigation service.

1922 to Be Good Business Year, Says Herbert Howell

New York, Jan. 19.—This year of 1922 will be "a good year for remembering, above all, that business is business and not speculation," Herbert P. Howell, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce, today told delegates to the convention of the National Wholesale Dry Goods association.

"Undue stimulation and expansion simply will not work this year," he asserted.

"Stable businesses will command adequate banking facilities at reasonable rates," he said, "for the banks are better fitted than they were in 1921 to finance legitimate and worthy enterprises."

"The attitude of the public in regard to buying is a more calculable factor," he continued. "In the first place, the idea that the public will, but at almost any price, can be eliminated from business calculations. It can be set down as definite that the public has become thrifty and discriminate in buying."

Time Will Tell Wisdom of U. S. Entering Pact

Washington, Jan. 19.—The wisdom of American participation in the four-power treaty adopted at the Washington conference to preserve peace in the Pacific can be judged only by the results obtained in its disposal of remaining questions in the Far East, Dr. Paul S. Reisch, former minister to China, declared in an address here before the National Popular Government league.

Dr. Reisch, who is now counselor to the Chinese government, asserted that the "enthusiasm" with which this country's signing of the treaty had been received in "certain quarters" should give warning of "expectation or hope" that the United States thereby "will support, or at least condone, aggressive actions and policies of one or the other partner on the mainland of Asia."

Omaha Elks Plan Trips to Shenandoah and McCook

Fifteen Omaha Elks, headed by Exalted Ruler Walter C. Nelson and Secretary Otto Nielson, were to go to Shenandoah, Ia., last night to assist in the installation of a class in the lodge there.

Married Fifty Years



Hampton, Neb., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Mads H. Madsen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home here. They were married at Dwight, Ill. In 1873 they located on a homestead near Hampton, where they lived until moving to town five years ago. Mr. Madsen was born in Vinum, Dostrup North-Sleswig, Denmark, June 1, 1847. His wife was born in Harris, Bredebro North-Sleswig, September 10, 1851. Mr. Madsen came to this country in 1869 and his wife two years later.

5 Below, Another Cold Night Ahead

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Amarillo the mercury fell to 2 degrees above zero. Roswell, N. M., in the center of the grazing country, reported 8 above this morning.

The coldest weather of the season was recorded in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma with temperatures ranging from 2 below zero at Salina to 3 above at Kansas City and 10 above at Oklahoma City.

A slight rise in temperature tomorrow was predicted.

Cold Wave Sweeping Down on Illinois

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A cold wave, bearing snow, reached eastward from the Rocky mountains today. Leaving behind the coldest weather known in Washington and Oregon since 1909 and below zero weather in the nearer western states, it was expected to reach Illinois by noon today. Predictions were that the cold days of the winter would be produced with a minimum reading of 3 below.

Snow at Redlands

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—Snow began falling at Redlands and several other points in the citrus fruit district late last night. Growers said damage to the citrus crops would depend on the weather conditions after the snow.

Reno, Nev., reported a temperature of 7 degrees, with the mercury dropping steadily.

Fort Worth Chilly

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 19.—The winter's cold weather record was set here this morning when the mercury dropped to 19 degrees above zero.

34 Below at Lander

Denver, Colo., Jan. 19.—The cold wave which yesterday and last night swept over the Rocky mountain region carrying new low temperature records for the year in its wake, is moving southward today and is being followed by a moderation in temperature, according to J. M. Sherier, district weather forecaster at Denver.

Lander, Wyo., with a temperature during the night of 34 degrees below zero, was the coldest point in the eastern Rocky mountain region. Cheyenne, with a minimum temperature of 22 below, held second place, but reports from that city today showed a gradual moderation, the mark at 6 o'clock this morning being 12 below.

Denver was the coldest point in Colorado last night, the mercury dropping to 10 below zero. At 9 o'clock this morning the government reading was 4 degrees below.

Cold on Coast

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—Low temperatures readings prevailed generally along the Pacific coast today, ranging from 17 degrees above at Portland, Ore., 24 degrees above at Seattle and 33 above at San Francisco to 50 above at San Diego. Inland, the temperatures were lower, with 14 below at Baker, Ore., to 14 above at Mount Wilson, Cal.

The forecast is for continued cold tonight.

Man Confesses to Theft of \$500,000 Mail Pouch

Elkhart, Ind., Jan. 19.—Dan Ingram, 28, negro truckman employed by the New York Central railroad, today confessed to stealing the mail pouch here yesterday, said unofficially to have contained \$500,000.

Ingram said, according to Police Chief Loren H. Northrop, that he and George E. Scruggs, a white man, plotted to steam the bag and that Ingram placed the mail truck at a certain place. Scruggs then stole the pouch, according to Ingram. They agreed to split the loot. Ingram said, but disclaimed knowledge as to what Scruggs did with the stolen property. Scruggs has been taken into custody.

Missing Pastor Returns

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Rev. William F. Taylor, pastor of St. Christopher Mission, in Oak Park, a suburb, returned to his home last night after having wandered off Saturday during what was said to have been a breakdown caused by overwork.

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Coal Operators Present Claims for Cut in Rates

Witness Before Commerce Commission Estimates Freights Have Increased 200 Per Cent Since 1914.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Claims of the coal industry for decreased railroad rates were presented to the Interstate Commerce commission today in its investigation into the general level of transportation rates. J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal association, declared his organization would not attempt to say what railroad earnings would stand in the way of freight reduction, but asserted that if any were granted, they should be accorded to coal first and to the largest degree.

Mr. Morrow estimated that freights on coal had increased as much as 200 per cent since 1914, and that the present average cost of transporting a ton from the mines to the consumer was \$2.74, while the price of the product itself at the mine was \$2.14.

George H. Cushing, for the American Wholesale Coal association, declared that railroad earnings would be sufficient to allow sharp reductions in the rates on coal with the resumption of normal traffic. He fixed the measure of the reasonable rate at not more than 50 per cent in excess of April, 1917, charges and estimated that the average annual production of the five years would be above 500,000,000 tons.

E. L. Kelly, for the state of South Dakota, discussed the various increases granted on coal during the four years to date, as compared with the drop in price of agricultural products, and said that the charges now were "excessive and unreasonable, and not justified by existing conditions."

"Impulse" Was Cause of Shoplifting, Say 75 Caught in Gotham

New York, Jan. 19.—It was "shoplifters' day" in court of special sessions yesterday, the annual aftermath of the Christmas holidays. There were 75 cases in calendar, a record number, but a mother appeared to ask she be punished instead of her 18-year-old daughter, who is ill in a hospital, and a husband appeared with the request that he be punished instead of his wife, who cannot be spared from the children.

In nearly all of the cases, in all but six of which the defendants were women, "irresistible impulse" was the excuse given.

Grandmothers who stole toys for their grandchildren, mothers who stole for their babies, school teachers, telephone operators, stenographers, housewives and clerks were the occupations given by the accused.

Arguments in C. S. Publishing Case Are Completed

Five Witnesses for Directors on Stand—Judge Takes Matter Under Adjudication.

Boston, Jan. 19.—The hearing of the petition of the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing society for allowance of their accounts, concluded today in the supreme court. The afternoon session was devoted to arguments by former Governor J. L. Bates for the directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Lothrop Withington for the trustees. Five witnesses for the directors appeared at the morning session.

Judge Crosby took the matter under advisement. Tomorrow afternoon he is expected to consider the names of three trustees recommended by the directors to fill existing vacancies.

Governor Bates criticized items in the accounts of the trustees, which, he contended, did not show diligent care for the interests of the trust. He asserted that the reports of the accountants who made the audit for the trustees was made to please the parties who had employed them. Mr. Bates asked the court to disallow items of expenditures for traveling and hotel bills as they appeared in the audit.

Mr. Withington contended that in the administration of the trust the trustees had exercised their best judgment. He said that within a period of two years they had handled about \$10,000,000, out of which only four or five payments, amounting to not more than \$100,000, had been attributed.

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German Count Admits Murder Plot for Riches

Kisses Mother's Hand in Court, Then Bares Startling Plan to Gain Inheritance of Millions.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Count Heinrich Schlieffen entered the Corlitz criminal court, kissed his mother's hand and made one of the most sensational confessions ever heard in a German court. "To save his soul," he said, Count Heinrich, with his mother, Countess Eleanor, and his brother, Count Siegfried, a member of one of the most noble families in Germany and a relative of the former chief of staff of the German army, is accused of attempting to murder Count William George Schlieffen, a cousin, so that he could inherit the latter's estate of millions.

In his confession Count Heinrich told the court that his mother was innocent and that he was guilty. He said he had four plans in view for murdering Count William and that his final decision was to employ a band of 40 communists to engineer an "uprising" at Schlieffenburg castle. During the bolshevist affair his cousin was to have been disposed of. Dynamite intended for this adventure was exhibited in the court room. However, Count Heinrich employed a grocer, who gave the plot away.

Wolf Hunt at Havelock

Lincoln, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—An old-fashioned wolf hunt to be participated in by Lincoln and Havelock business men numbering 1,000, will be held near Havelock Sunday.

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Oklahoma Sheriff Is Suspended

Ardmore, Okla., Jan. 19.—(By A. P.)—Sheriff Buck Garrett of Carter county was suspended from office last night and Ewing C. London, commander of the local post of the American Legion, was appointed temporary successor. The action followed an agreement between defense counsel and attorneys for the state at the preliminary hearing of testimony in ouster proceedings against Garrett.

The permanent removal from office of Garrett and three other officials in this county has been asked by the state on the ground of lax law enforcement. The filing of the proceedings was the outgrowth of the killing of three men near Wilson recently.

After Garrett had been officially notified of the temporary removal, every deputy sheriff and others connected with the sheriff's department tendered their resignations.

Tractor Victim Dies

Lincoln, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—Grover C. Buck, 27, died here today, the result of injuries received November 14, when a tractor he was driving fell through a bridge north-west of Lincoln.



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