

### Police Grill Companion of Slain Hunter

#### Man Says He Got "Cold Feet" When He Started to Report Accidental Shooting.

Boise, Idaho, July 8.—Authorities today continued to grill E. Rohlfing, Jr., who is held for investigation in connection with the murder of Faraday Mills, well to do Seattle man, whose body was found on the Mountain Home road here June 23, with a bullet hole in the head.

Young Rohlfing is said to have told authorities that Mills was shot when he (Rohlfing) accidentally stumbled in getting out of his car to hunt rabbits. He said he left the car and went to Mountain Home to tell of the shooting but got "cold feet" and returned to the scene. Seeing a large crowd of people there, he drove past. He said he intended to come to Boise but that his nerve again failed him and that he spent the night at a ranch. He was arrested next day on suspicion and has been in jail since.

Mrs. Thomas Gray of The Dalles, Ore., daughter of the victim said her father and Rohlfing left The Dalles for the grain fields of the midwest. She stated her father had \$500 with him and declared it her belief that Mills was slain for his money.

#### Former Legislator Dies.

Cowles, Neb., July 8.—R. B. Thompson, a former state representative and an early settler of this county, died at his home in Cowles Monday.

### Charles H. Van Deusen New Chief of Police



CHARLES H. VAN DEUSEN

C. H. Van Deusen, captain of police in charge of the detective department, has been confirmed by city council as chief of police, to succeed Peter Dillon, retired.

The appointment will be effective July 16 when Chief Dillon's retirement goes into effect.

Van Deusen has been with the police department 18 years and has been in charge of the detective department three years. He was referred to by Police Commissioner H. W. Dunn as "a police officer of unusual ability."

### Ralston Again Says No; Smith Offers to Quit

#### Governor Condition Proposal on Similar Action by McAdoo, However—California Silent.

(Continued from Page One.) had determined to go out and find a man who could be nominated. They said only time and a trial of strength on the convention floor could tell where the choice might fall, but they appeared certain the decision would not be long delayed.

This sentiment was echoed generally by the delegates themselves. Worn and discouraged by the fury of the Smith-McAdoo fight, many of them were in a frame of mind to go to whatever candidate might be brought before them with any promise of general support. What they wanted more than all else was to get it over with, climb aboard train for home, and have done with the nightmare that will make Madison Square Garden forever a thing of terror in their memories.

#### "Smith, McAdoo Through."

Whatever the attitude of the campaign managers, there could be no mistaking the conviction of the delegates that both McAdoo and Smith are through. Privately the members of many delegations admitted that only remaining issue was selection of either of the factions that have made the convention a battle ground from its very beginning.

It was conceded that until such a candidate had rallied a preponderant strength about him, both the McAdoo and Smith supporters would be extremely cautious. Neither side wanted to weaken its camp as to invite another assault from its traditional enemy. But stripped of all its outward caution and cunning the dominating urge of the convention tonight was a reaching out for a savior.

#### Compromise Sought.

Coinciding with the inner desire of the convention itself, several strong forces were working for a compromise. One was represented by Senator Walsh of Montana, the convention chairman, who left his gavel in the hands of a substitute and called on Mr. McAdoo and Governor Smith to urge the futility of a further struggle. He saw the candidates at their respective hotels and was closeted with each for a long conference. Chairman Hull of the national committee was at work with a similar purpose, and James M. Cox of Ohio, the party's standard bearer in 1920, saw representatives of almost every element in an effort to convince them that the rank and file of the party would endure no more delay and in decision.

A like work of conciliation was being done by some of those who sit in state delegations and control important blocks of votes. George F. Brennan, the Illinois leader, conferred with many of his colleagues and was said by some associates to be inclined to favor a swing from Smith, whom he has supported from the start. Taggart, although in charge of the Ralston boom, was declared to be willing to take any other candidate that could unite the warring element in a common cause.

#### Drops to 310.

Late in today's session C. M. Hay of Missouri, one of the McAdoo floor managers, echoed the sentiment of many other delegates and was given a resounding demonstration of approval when he told the convention that although he remained a McAdoo man at heart, he was for any candidate who could command general support and stand squarely on the party platform.

During the balloting at the day session, the McAdoo total, which once had stood at 530, dropped to 310, and on the 93d roll call, the last taken before adjournment, it was 314.

Most of the loss went to Ralston, who took the Missouri, Oklahoma, Nevada and Kansas delegations bodily, and picked up considerable groups of delegates from other McAdoo states.

At a conference during the adjournment, some McAdoo men are understood to have decided to throw another considerable part of the McAdoo strength to Ralston tonight, but the move and directed the swing in another direction.

Governor Smith remained in about the same position throughout the day's voting, but it was manifest that many of his delegates were staying only long enough to witness the decline of the McAdoo total to a point where he no longer need be considered a dangerous factor, and

then would go to a compromise candidate. Amid applause, the chairman of the Missouri delegation, which had been voting for Ralston consistently, announced that "as a compliment to his patriotism and unselfishness, we still cast 25 votes for Samuel M. Ralston." The 29 votes Kansas had been giving to Ralston went back to Governor Jonathan Davis. After poll, Nevada, which also had been voting for Ralston, returned under the unit rule to McAdoo, and Oklahoma did the same.

The Ohio delegation in caucus agreed to support either Glass or Davis if their nomination became apparent. James M. Cox addressed the delegation and made a plea for harmony.

Former Secretary Baker urged the delegation to act as far as possible as a unit. Former Governor Cox was invited to attend the convention and sit with the Ohio delegation, but he declined on the grounds that his visit might be misconstrued.

#### Roosevelt Cheered.

After the singing, the convention passed to hear read and adopted a resolution by James A. Watson of Boston congratulating the American Olympic team on its showing in the international games.

Senator Walsh, the chairman, then read to the convention without comment the telegram from Senator Ralston to Thomas Taggart, asking that his name be withdrawn. When the reading was concluded there was a wave of handclapping over the hall, and the hand struck into "The Banks of the Wabash." But most of the delegates had heard the news before hand and the demonstration soon died out.

Almost the whole convention came to its feet and cheered when Mr. Roosevelt was recognized and began his speech withdrawing conditionally the name of Governor Al Smith.

"I am here," he said, "to make a very brief statement on behalf of Governor Smith. The candidate for whom I speak now leads in the poll in this convention. We have advocated his nomination as the representative of great democratic principles. But the future of the democratic party rises far above the success of any candidate.

"After nearly 100 ballot it is apparent to me that until Mr. McAdoo can not be amalgamated. For the sake of the party, therefore, Governor Smith authorizes me to say that when Mr. McAdoo's name has been withdrawn from this convention, Mr. Smith's name also will be withdrawn.

"And as one of Governor Smith's supporters, I can say that until Mr. McAdoo does withdraw, Governor Smith's supporters will continue to vote for Governor Smith."

At the end of the brief speech there was a mighty cheer from the Smith supporters, and then Chairman Walsh came forward and after an announcement regarding seating arrangements, proposed the state to proceed with the 94th ballot. The announcement apparently took the McAdoo people by surprise and there was no immediate attempt to reply to it.

#### Delaware Leaves Sausbury.

As the first ballot got under way it brought some scattering indications of the currents that were at work under the new situation created by the withdrawal of Senator Ralston and the conditional withdrawal of Governor Smith. Delaware, switching for the first time since the balloting began from former Senator Sausbury, gave its six votes to Senator Robinson. Indiana took the 26 that had been going to Ralston from his home state and gave 25 to McAdoo and five to Smith.

There was continued cheering as the Smith states continued to vote solidly for him despite his withdrawal, and the McAdoo people retailed by applauding with a renewed vigor the vote of every McAdoo state that had remained faithful to the McAdoo cause. California, with its new flags and trumpets, led in the McAdoo demonstration.

When Michigan was reached, 16 of the votes that had been going from that state to Ralston were transferred to Senator Copeland of New York, one time mayor of Ann Arbor. It was the first time more than a scattering vote or two had been given him. Mississippi then returned to the McAdoo column which she had left previously to get aboard the Ralston boom.

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### Motorist Shot by Rum Raider When He Fails to Stop

#### Chased Four Miles by Federal Agents—Hit After He Abandons His Automobile.

Joe Vocarro was shot in the back and painfully wounded by Karl Schmitt, Jr., federal prohibition agent, following an exciting early morning motor car chase of four miles in North Omaha, participated in by Schmitt, Gene Batten and Otto Dudusch, federal agents, who had remained in hiding all night waiting for a bootlegger on Madison street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. Thirty-five gallons of liquor was found in the car.

Officers first sighted Vocarro at 4 Tuesday morning as he drove in front of 3614 North Fifteenth street. They ordered him to halt. Instead, Vocarro sprang into his car and drove to Sixteenth street, where he turned east.

#### Bullet Hits Tire.

Officers followed in their machine, keeping up a constant fusillade directed at his tires. At Sixteenth and Grace streets, a bullet shattered a tire. Vocarro sped on turning at Center street. At Twentieth he abandoned his machine. Schmitt leaped from his car and shot. Vocarro dropped. He was taken to emergency hospital for treatment.

Meantime, Detectives Nelson and Jones streets, where G. R. Walker, a taxi driver, was engaged in a battle with Pete Boyd, Charles Howard and "Blackie" Lester. Detectives ran into the shooting and followed federal officers.

#### Samardick Arrives.

After the shooting, Schmitt called Bob Samardick, and as Samardick passed Sixteenth and Jones streets he saw the fight. He heard one of the participants shout:

"Stool pigeon!" Samardick sprang into the melee and hit Pete Boyd on the chin. Ten minutes later Samardick appeared at police headquarters with the quartet.

#### Liquor Is Found.

Following the shooting, Joe Potach, police co-worker with the Samardick squad, went to 3614 North Fifteenth street, where Vocarro was first apprehended, and found two five-gallon jugs of liquor. He arrested Tony Bruno, son of the owner of the place.

Police say the elder Bruno is a partner of Vocarro and it is believed Bruno is watching a still somewhere in Douglas county that was operated by Vocarro and himself.

#### Syracuse—The barn on the S. P. Davis farm, four miles northeast of here, was burned with all of its contents except two horses which were rescued by the children.

### DEATH CLAIMS PRESIDENT'S SON

(Continued From Page One.) smile and jest about with his elder brother. By Wednesday, however, the onslaught of the infection had commenced, and on Saturday in a plain army ambulance, with his mother at his side, Calvin, Jr., was hastened to Walter Reed hospital, on the outside of Washington for an operation which it was hoped might reduce to a new focus the bacteria which were building in the tissues of his leg.

At the White House this morning, Frank W. Stearns, friend of the Coolidge family, who has been with them throughout the ordeal, said President Coolidge was bearing up under his grief and that there had been no breakdown on the part of Mrs. Coolidge.

A drizzling rain which fell through the morning blended with the gloom which pervaded the White House offices and grounds.

The White House doors were closed to cloak the sorrow of the parents. At the gates uniformed men took up an unwonted guard, warning away the flow of automobiles and pedestrians who usually can make free of the passages through the ground.

The cars of the diplomatic corps were the most frequent to pass the barriers, but their passengers made only a momentary stop.

#### By International News Service.

London, July 8.—Death of Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of President Coolidge of the United States, aroused the deepest sympathy in Great Britain today.

Editorials of regret were printed in the newspapers and messages of condolence were sent to Washington in large numbers. It was expected that King George, Queen Mary, the prince of Wales and Premier MacDonald would send messages during the afternoon.

Randall K. Brown, who attended Amherst college with President Coolidge, remembers when Calvin Coolidge, Jr., was in Omaha for an hour two years ago while enroute to Los Angeles with his father and his other brother. Mr. Brown, Gould Dietz and others met the Coolidge party at the station.

"I remember that while we talked the two boys ran around the platform playing until the train left," Mr. Brown said.

#### By Associated Press.

London, July 8.—King George today sent a message of condolence to President Coolidge over the death of Calvin Coolidge, Jr. The monarch said in his cablegram:

"The queen and I have heard with most sincere regret of the grievous loss which has befallen you and Mrs. Coolidge in the death of your son and we assure you both of our heartfelt sympathy in this time of your deep sorrow."

San Francisco, July 8.—Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Field, commander of the British fleet visiting San Francisco, sent today, through

### Blood of Friend Injected to Save Carpenter's Life

#### Transfusion Follows Severing of Jugular Vein of Earl Taylor, Employee at Krug Park.

A blood transfusion was performed at Methodist hospital Tuesday afternoon in an effort to save the life of Earl Taylor, carpenter, 4619 South Sixteenth street.

Taylor, an employee of Krug park, asked a fellow carpenter for a brace and bit. His companion tossed the tool to him. Taylor caught it in such a way that the bit pierced his neck. Taylor seized the wound between thumb and forefinger and was taken by automobile to the hospital where he walked from the car into the building.

Examination revealed that the instrument had punctured the jugular vein and Taylor was suffering from extreme loss of blood.

An examination of six employees of the park in a test for the proper blood for a transfusion revealed three of them qualified.

A quart of blood was taken from William K. Brewer, 1133 North Nineteenth street, and injected into the veins of the injured man.

The victim is still in a critical condition, hospital authorities said, but has a fighting chance to recover.

### Highway and Railroad Tracks Menaced by River

Nobara, Neb., July 8.—Due to the cutting of the Missouri river near here it is feared that the "north highway" will go into the river and the tracks and other property of the Northwestern railroad are endangered also.

### Three Children in One Family Born on Legal Holidays

Morrowville, Kan., July 8.—Joseph F. Milbourne, Burlington railway station agent, has three children, who were born on legal holidays. The Milbourns were married at Beatrice in 1916 and have two sons and one daughter.

The first child, Archie, was born on Washington's birthday, February, 22, 1917, at Hoag. The next was a daughter, Rosa, born at Wilcox, on New Year's day, 1919, and the last, a son, Jesse, born at Wilcox, on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Milbourne is a native of Michigan, where his father still lives. Mrs. Milbourne was formerly Miss Blanche Garman of Beatrice and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garman, now live in University Place.

Mr. Milbourne states that he would be satisfied if he could have a fourth child born on July 4.

### Woman Dies on Her 40th Wedding Anniversary

Atlantic, Ia., July 8.—Mrs. Sarah Hopper, resident of Cass county since 1875, died at her home here Sunday evening, her 40th wedding anniversary. She was born in Belfast, north Ireland, 66 years ago.

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