

Member of Iowa Bank Gang Guilty

Admits Crime on Second Day of Trial After Court Agrees to Sentence of 15 Years.

Had Hopes of Escaping

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Logan, Ia., Dec. 9.—It is better to spend 15 years in prison than take a chance of "getting" 40 years.

So said Harry Raymond, alias Pat Carroll, notorious bank robber and jailbreaker, when he pleaded guilty in district court here at 10:30 this morning to the charge of robbing the bank at Little Sioux, Ia., October 20.

The judge promptly sentenced the bandit to 15 years in the Fort Madison penitentiary, the jury which was ready to try the case was dismissed, the attorneys gathered up their papers and the large crowd of witnesses and spectators departed.

Hope of Escape?

It is believed that Carroll may have had a hope of escape yesterday while being brought from the jail to the courtroom. At any rate he made no move to plead guilty but sat while the jury was selected.

He hadn't the least chance of a "get-away," for he was brought to the courtroom handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff O. A. Case.

The jury was duly selected and two witnesses were heard yesterday afternoon. These were the banker at Little Sioux and a girl. Both positively identified Carroll as the robber.

Hears Sentence Smiling.

This morning Carroll, finding that for once in his career he held a hand with not a winning card in it, contemplated with his attorney regarding a plea of guilty. Or he went to the county attorney and they consulted with the judge. It was finally agreed that Carroll would be given 15 years if he pleaded guilty.

He promptly agreed to this and smiled as he stood up to receive the sentence which will keep him behind bars and walls for a decade.

He had some way to shorten incarceration, as they have in similar instances.

Lack of Sleep.

It was the time in Kansas, last May, when Carroll was caught by the law. His friends slipped some nitroglycerine in to him and he placed this with such skill that the explosion blew a hole in the jail without hurting him.

The Little Sioux bank was robbed early in the morning. Citizens heard them come into the town and work on the bank vault. When they approached, the bandits opened fire on them and kept the town in a state of terror till they had obtained the loot and escaped.

Two other banks are believed to have been robbed in Iowa by the gang just before the Little Sioux affair. Carroll was captured the next day at the railroad station in Pacific Junction, evidently dazed for lack of sleep.

POSER OF OMAHA BEGINS PEN TERM

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 9.—Carl L. Werner, who was arrested in Grand Island, Neb., when posing as Mount Burns, 34, of Omaha, was again to serve his sentence of a year in prison on a charge of false promises.

Werner was found guilty of marrying the daughter of John Hoefel of Shippenburg, Pa., after telling her he was wealthy and unmarried. Werner, who was a classmate of Burns, was neither wealthy nor unmarried.

His marriage took place in Maryland, so no bigamy charge could be preferred against him.

Wymore Elks to Hold Party for Kiddies Christmas Eve

Wymore, Dec. 9.—Elks lodge is arranging to hold a big Christmas party the afternoon before Christmas, at which Santa Claus will distribute candy and needy gifts to children. A municipal Christmas tree is planned for Main street Christmas eve.

We Have With Us Today

Mr. Phelps, Assemblyman, New York City. Mr. Phelps is a graduate of Williams college and was first elected to the assembly, the lower house of the New York legislature, in 1923.

He was one of the three republicans elected from New York City. Last month he was re-elected by an increased majority.

He is one of the youngest members of the New York assembly, and one of the most active. His district, unique one, for it embraces Washington square, Greenwich Village, Gramercy Park and the bright light region of Broadway. Judge George W. O'Ryan, the new boss of Tammany Jews in the district.

Mr. Phelps is returning to New York from a trip to the Pacific coast.

78 War Mothers Kneel and Pray for Parole of Young North Platte Slayer

One Who Lost Son Tells Board of Pardons Woman Who Was Killed Really to Blame; W. C. T. U. and Sheriff of County Also Urge Leniency.

By P. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Dec. 9.—While Victor Moss, world war veteran, charged with killing Mrs. Izetta Linton at North Platte in 1921, pleaded with the state board of pardons and paroles for a parole, 78 mothers of veterans at North Platte knelt praying that the board show leniency for Moss.

Mrs. Wood White of North Platte, mother of a war veteran who died in the service, carried the story of love, passion and patriotism which surrounds the Moss crime to the state board, and as this pretty, dark-eyed woman related the story of Victor Moss there was not a sound among the 400 persons present at the most dramatic meeting in the board's history.

The meeting today was fraught with human passions, politics and love stories. The total number of convicts in the list of applicants was 37. Included in the number were five bankers, six convicted murderers and five men convicted of assault upon women.

Adam McMullen Present. Governor-elect Adam McMullen was present at the meeting as a spectator. The board found it impossible to complete the hearing today and a night session was held. There will be another session tomorrow, the board finding it impossible to conclude its work by midnight.

Victor Moss, world war veteran, convicted of killing a woman, and W. V. Matthews, an Omaha banker, will be heard tomorrow.

Mrs. White, in addressing the board, told of the death of her only son, Major A. White, of her grief and the attempts of her friends to allay this grief. Finally, it was decided by friends that the best way to soothe the broken hearts was to place before four ex-servicemen in her home and permit them to become her constant companions.

In the group of ex-servicemen was Victor Moss, now branded as a murderer. Mrs. White told the board of the kindness of Moss and his efforts to make her forget her sorrow.

Says Woman Enticed Him. "That woman enticed him from my home," she said in speaking of Mrs. Izetta Linton, the murdered woman. "There is much more I could say, but all has been trusted to One who can save."

Remember that at the last meeting of the War Mothers it was agreed that everyone of the 78 of us would kneel for a brief period today and ask God to fill the hearts of the members of the board with the Yuletide spirit and restore this young man to a mother waiting at home and bring Christmas joy to her anxious, bleeding heart."

The history of the Moss case as presented by N. T. Harmon, chief clerk of the board of pardons and paroles, to the board follows:

"Victor Moss, an ex-serviceman, was a 23-year-old young man who worked for a telephone company at North Platte in 1920. He soon found a home with Mrs. White, a grieving war mother, who was housing ex-servicemen in an effort to forget grief over the death of her son. After living at the White home a few months, he left and moved to the home of Mrs. Izetta Linton, who was 19 years his senior."

W. C. T. U. Support Plea. "This woman became infatuated with him and improper relations followed. One night Moss returned to the house with a woman's ring on his finger. It had been given him by a telephone operator."

"A jealous quarrel was the result. In the fight Mrs. Linton was killed. Moss claimed she was killed when she attempted to snatch a revolver from her after threatening to commit suicide."

"The woman, on her deathbed, swore that he shot her."

The local chapter of the W. C. T. U. at North Platte had representatives present urging that Moss get a parole. Sheriff L. L. Berthe of North Platte also was present urging leniency.

COOLIDGE FROWNS ON 'PORK' BILLS

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Coolidge intends to put his foot down squarely on all attempts to enact "pork barrel" legislation at this session of congress, it was announced at the White House today.

Drastic cuts must be made in the rivers and harbor bill before it will receive the approval of the executive, it was said.

The president regards with extreme displeasure the sudden "jumping up" on the total appropriations carried in the measure from the original figure of approximately \$25,000,000, to nearly double that amount.

OMAHAN LOSES CLAIM ON FUND

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., Dec. 9.—In a hearing of evidence to support claims against the state guarantee fund in the case of the First State Bank of Nickerson, which failed, Judge Buton ruled that P. L. Waldron of Omaha had no claim. Waldron made claim for his deposit of \$1,700 in the bank, but the judge ruled that as Waldron handed the money to an official of the bank in the streets of Fremont and not over the counter, there could be no claim.

FINANCE WIZARD GIVES HIMSELF UP

Baltimore, N. Y., Dec. 9.—M. Earl Williams, "finance wizard" walked into the law office of City Judge Leonard today and announced his readiness to submit to arrest. A warrant charging first degree grand larceny, sworn out yesterday on complaint of B. J. Welch, an automobile dealer, who alleged he had invested \$12,000 with Williams on promise of 25 per cent profit, was served on him.

U. P. Foreman Dies

Kearney, Dec. 9.—J. S. Evans, foreman of the Union Pacific roundhouse here, died suddenly at his home Monday, following a stroke of paralysis suffered a week ago. Mr. Evans was a veteran in the service of the Union Pacific and had served as local foreman for many years.

"Drug Code" New Scandal Order for Dice-House by Mortimer

Witness in Bribery Case Charges That Forbes Was Bigamist and Deserter From Army.

By JOHN A. KENNEDY, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Cross-examination of Elias H. Mortimer, chief government witness in the conspiracy trial of Col. Charles R. Forbes, former director of the veterans' bureau, practically was completed by Forbes' counsel today, his story of official corruption still standing unimpaired following his two-day grilling by the defense.

Mortimer, the artful, cunning and alert Washington "fixer," who says he is himself as guilty of bribery and conspiracy as is Forbes, survived his all-day ordeal much the same as yesterday when he sprang stories of corruption in high office so thick and fast that court, jury and spectators could hardly keep up with him.

And in much the same manner as he shot back answers to Col. J. S. Eashy-Smith, Forbes' chief counsel on Monday, the witness unloaded a fresh tirade of scandal concerning Forbes while the defense futilely attempted to discredit his testimony.

Bigamist and Deserter. "I told Frank A. Vanderlip in Washington last March that Forbes was a bigamist and a deserter from the army," Mortimer said in answering one of Eashy-Smith's questions.

Another question from Forbes' attorney brought forth the fact that "Forbes and Mrs. Mortimer were shooting craps in my bedroom at the Drake hotel the night I gave the cologne that \$5,000 given to me by Thompson and Black."

The last two men referred to are the contractors named in the indictment, who were alleged to be in the conspiracy to loot the boiler hospital building funds. J. W. Thompson is a millionaire Chicago and St. Louis contractor, Black, also a former St. Louis contractor, is dead.

"Thompson was also shooting the bones. He was pretty good at that," the witness added.

Eashy-Smith did bring out minor differences in dates and incidental phases of the many related graft stories Mortimer has told, but on the whole the day was very satisfactory to the prosecution.

Mortimer on Guard. "This condition was further brought about by the court having on many occasions to rule out testimony and admonish Eashy-Smith on his tactics. Eashy-Smith said tonight he will finish with Mortimer in about five minutes tomorrow."

The answer of the witness that Forbes was a bigamist and army deserter was not elaborated as the court ruled the matter out. This condition does not prevail now, however, as Mrs. Kate Forbes, his second wife, secured a divorce about 14 months ago on the Pacific coast. Government attorneys say the first Mrs. Forbes is still living in Jersey City, N. J.

The word exchange between Mortimer and Eashy-Smith was a battle of wits, and Mortimer, who has been in many big paying deals in the capital, was never caught off his guard.

Several times Eashy-Smith had his witness in tight places but lost the advantage and Mortimer came through unscathed.

Verdict Directed for Newspaper Wins Skirmish. Washington, Dec. 9.—Early passage of the revised Underwood Muscle Shoals bill was virtually assured today when the senate in its first test vote overwhelmingly defeated an amendment proposed to the measure by Senator Bruce, democrat, of Maryland.

Bruce's amendment was comparatively a minor one and would have required employees of the corporation set up to operate Muscle Shoals to work under civil service. Supporters of the Underwood plan, however, lined up solidly against it.

MINE WORKERS ELECT OFFICERS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—International and district officers, from president down, were voted on today by the United Mine Workers of America.

The result of the international election will not be known until all the votes are mailed into headquarters here for compilation. New officers will begin their terms April 1, 1925.

John L. Lewis, international president; Philip Murray, vice president; and William Green, secretary treasurer, are candidates for re-election.

Mennonite Leader Dies

Beatrice, Dec. 9.—Johannes Perner, prominent Mennonite and pioneer of Gage county, died at his home north west of Beatrice, aged 85. He was a native of Germany and came to Gage county in 1877. His wife died 14 years ago. Five children, Henry Perner, Mrs. J. W. Wiebe, Gustave Perner, Mrs. John Reimer and Mrs. Cornelius W. Hesen, all of Gage county, survive.

NOYES RENAMED AG PRESIDENT

E. P. Noyes of Valley was re-elected president of the Douglas County Agricultural society at its annual meeting held at Waterloo. Other officers elected: Otto Pfeiffer, Elkhorn, vice president; J. N. Wyatt, Elkhorn, treasurer; Frank B. Cox, Waterloo, secretary. The following directors were re-elected: Otto Pfeiffer, Henry C. Bull, J. C. Robinson and G. E. Nelson. The society adopted a resolution asking the state legislature not to ratify the proposed child labor amendment, which it is believed will be offered at the coming session.

NEITHER LOVE SANS MARRIAGE, NOR WEDLOCK SANS LOVE FOR WAR MOTHER

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By VINA LINDSAY, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

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Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—First, love without marriage, then marriage without love. Neither brought happiness to Nancy Jordan Clarke, beautiful young English girl, central figure in a tragic international romance of the world war.

"I am glad to be left alone to lead my own life," is the girl's answer to the divorce suit of Claude Hetherington Clarke, English Don Quixote, who 15 months ago, married the young woman to give a name to her 4-year-old son, Francis.

Clarke charges indignities and desertion. The two have been separated nearly a year. They were married September 15, 1923, after a speedy and romantic courtship following Clarke's spectacular rush here from Chicago to induce Miss Jordan to marry him and remain in this country instead of returning to England as she had planned.

Met on Steamship. Clarke had met the girl and her small son on the steamship President Monroe, two years ago, when she was coming to this country at the invitation of Mrs. Mary Van Trump Warren, formerly of this city. Mrs. Warren was the divorced wife of Frank B. Warren, attorney here, whom Miss Jordan alleged was the father of her child.

Neither Clarke nor Mrs. Clarke are specific as to the "incompatibilities" that wrecked their marriage venture. Both say they found they could not be happy together.

Clarke declares that now, as at the time he married Miss Jordan, he has the interests of her boy at heart. He said he had offered to adopt the child and that the mother had refused.

"I know that Mrs. Clarke wants I, as a witness, she should have it. We simply didn't make a go of it, and it is better for us to go our separate ways. I wanted to get the divorce as quietly as possible for the sake of the boy. He is the main one to be considered."

Affection for Boy. It was Clarke's affection for the small son of Miss Jordan that led to his meeting with the mother on the President Monroe. Clarke was a playmate of the boy's on the ship and frequently rode him about the deck on his back.

The young Englishman's acquaintance with the girl, begun in this manner, caused him to play the part of a story book knight and come to his countrywoman's succor in a courtship and marriage that excited a nation-wide interest.

The stormy voyage to America with a sea so rough that Clarke and little Francis were the only passengers who had the hardihood to stay on deck, seemed, in a sense, prophetic of the English girl's futile attempts to find happiness in the new world.

Almost from the first, fate seemed unfriendly. She was met in New York by Mrs. Warren and taken to the latter's home in Kansas City.

Venture a Failure. Clarke went to Chicago. He attempted a correspondence, but she discarded his letters. In Kansas City the girl found disappointment and disillusionment.

Life in the Warren household was not satisfactory and she left it to earn her living in an office. She placed her child in the care of a minister and his wife, with whom the boy still lives. Adjustments have proved difficult. The girl found there were gaps in the new world as well as the old. The economic strain, too, proved severe. She decided to abandon the struggle and return to her English home.

Clark, in Chicago, read that she had applied for passports. He took the first train for Kansas City, located her after much difficulty, and after a short and ardent courtship, induced her to marry him on the day she was told to have.

Finally Separated. For a time the Clarkes apparently lived happily. Then they separated and Mrs. Clarke returned to work. Clark went to Chicago but later returned here where he is employed as a salesman for a livestock company.

Although the English girl's second attempt to find happiness in America has ended disastrously, she has not lost hope. This will be her permanent home.

"I can make my own living," she says, "without the aid of any one. I can support my son. Nothing on the outside, no person can bring happiness to you. It must come from within. I am ready now to lead my own life."

Mrs. Warren, the girl's benefactor, now is the wife of Lieut. Thomas E. Whitehead, of Washington, D. C.

STEAMERS COLLIDE

New York, Dec. 9.—The Spanish royal mail steamship Montevideo, carrying 65 passengers, collided with the Standard Oil tanker Charges P. Spratt late yesterday off Ambrose light. It was learned today when the steamer put back into port and disembarked its passengers. Three seamen on the tanker were injured when the starboard and seaman's quarters were crushed.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for 24 hours ending 7 p. m. December 10, 1924. Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 1.1; total since January 1, 26.18; deficiency, 3.68.

Hourly Temperatures. 12 noon, 56; 1 p. m., 54; 2 p. m., 52; 3 p. m., 50; 4 p. m., 48; 5 p. m., 46; 6 p. m., 44; 7 p. m., 42; 8 p. m., 40; 9 p. m., 38; 10 p. m., 36; 11 p. m., 34; 12 noon, 32.

\$46,000,000 FUND TO AID EDUCATION

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 9.—Forty-six million dollars of his fortune has been given to the creation of a trust fund by James B. Duke, power magnate, to be used for educational, charitable and religious purposes, chiefly in the states of North and South Carolina.

Industrial Prices Hit High Level

Steady Investment Demand Comes From All Sections of Country; Total Sales Reach 1,800,000.

More More Brokers' Loans

New York, Dec. 9.—In response to a steady investment demand coming from all sections of the country and foreign capitals the average of 29 leading industrial stocks was lifted today to the highest level in several years. Railroad shares lost ground on profit-taking. Seventy-four issues, including 14 motor and accessory and 13 public utility shares, attained new peak prices for the year, with total sales of all stocks slightly above 1,800,000 shares.

A remarkable feature in the advance since election day is the relatively small increase in broker's loans. This is attributed by brokers to the fact that large blocks of stocks are being purchased outright by large institutions and wealthy individuals. Many brokers report that considering the volume of trading, speculation has played a relatively minor role and has been confined largely to pool operations in about a score of industrial specialties.

Much Extra Help. While the recent boom in stocks, coming soon after an advance of about 11 per cent in brokers' commissions, has added millions of dollars to Wall street coffers, many brokers actually have more business than they can handle. The recent rapid succession of two 1,000,000-share days has compelled many of the larger firms to work their employees far into the night to keep accounts in shape. While extra help has been added, the bulk of the work has fallen upon veteran employees. There has been relatively little expansion of wire and branch office facilities, except by a few of the younger and newer firms. Several houses with wire connections to southern resorts have found it necessary, however, to advance the opening of the special service for winter vacationists. Munda & Winslow, one of the largest commission houses, will start its service to southern points next Monday or nearly three weeks ahead of the usual schedule.

Except for a slight hardening in steel and copper prices, there was nothing special in the day's news to account for the steady demand for industrial issues. Net gains to one to five points were scattered throughout the list. United States Steel common crossed 118 for a gain of more than one point in expectation that the monthly statement of unfilled orders, to be made public at noon tomorrow, will show an increase of at least 200,000 tons over the previous month.

Sterling Climbs. The long list of new highs included American Telephone, Ameripac Waterworks, Consolidated Gas, Jordan Motors, Maxwell Motors A. and B., the three Pierce-Arrow issues, International Harvester, Pullman, Westinghouse Airbrake, Packard, Kennecott and Utah copper, Ludlum and Sloss-Scheffel steel, Pure Oil, Commercial Solvents A. and Western Union. General electric was one of the individual features, scoring an extreme gain of nearly seven points at 280 1/2 or within a small fraction of the year's top.

Sterling exchanged continued its climb toward parity, selling at 44.71. The dollar advanced from the peak price reached since the war. Before the close, however, the rate had fallen back to around last night's close. Trading in the European currencies was quiet.

Wheat and corn prices attained the highest level of the season. Active buying of wheat on reports of larger world requirements pushed the price up 1 1/2 cents a bushel. Corn advanced 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 cents on reports of further crop damage. Coffee prices were marked up 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 cent a pound, but cotton was slightly lower.

BISHOP ARRESTED ON THEFT CHARGE

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—The arrest of the Rev. Dr. Anton East, American Methodist Episcopal bishop of Scandinavia, on a charge of misappropriating charity funds, is featured by all the Copenhagen newspapers today. He was taken into custody, the authorities fearing he might leave the country. The police searched his home and offices, seizing papers and books.

Beatrice Man Dies

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 9.—Henry Wipperfurth, formerly engaged in the tailoring business here, died suddenly this morning of heart disease, at the home of Mrs. Hoover, where he had just finished eating a hearty breakfast. He was about 80 years of age and leaves two sons, one living at St. Paul, Minn., the other in California. Sometime ago when Mrs. Wipperfurth was seriously ill he deeded of his property to the Nazarene church of this city.