Tenn. Judge Not Convinced, Frees Attack Suspect, 50

Ala. Sheriff Denies Snatching Fugitive

GADSDEN, Ala. — (ANP) — Sheriff Ira C. Ballard faces a charge of abducting a wanted man from Michigan and bringing him here recently to stand trial on a charge of stealing $1500 from a former employer—but the sheriff denies the charge.

Involved in the scrape, which is between the sheriff an and unidentified organization in Grand Rapids, Mich., is Ed Drummer, U. S. Dist. Atty. Joseph F. Debb announced he would investigate the charge, but declined to reveal who or what organization, if any, filed the complaint.

The charge simply states that Alabama officials took Drummer from constituted authorities in South Haven, Mich., without extradition hearing and in violation of the Federal anti-kidnap act.

Ballard's office denied this and issued a note, saying:

"We brought Ed Drummer back to answer to a charge of theft only after we had arranged extradition through Gov. James Folsom and the Governor of Michigan. Armed with our papers, we went to South Haven authorities who turned our prisoner over to us.

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Physicians Fail to Find Any Bruises

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (ANP) — George Dockery, 50-year-old janitor, was freed of a, alleged criminal attack charge, made by a young white woman, at a preliminary trial before Judge Charles Kelly Thursday, because of what the jurist termed "unreasonable testimony" by the supposed victim.

Miss Mary Condell, 20, testified that the attack had been made upon her in her bedroom in a large rooming house during the early hours of the morning, two weeks ago. She identified Dockery as the man who entered her bedroom with a pistol and a flashlight.

Before hearing the testimony, Judge Kelly warned the huge crowd of colored and white persons that "a serious charge is before the court, and if there is any demonstration raised here by either race, you will at once be placed in jail."

Said She Screamed

In identifying Dockery, she said he told her she would be shot unless she stopped screaming.

"How loud did you scream?" asked the judge.

"At the top of my voice," the woman said.

"With all those inmates in that large rooming house, is it not strange that not a single man, woman or child heard you?" the judge queried "How are you so sure Dockery is the one?"

Court Doubts Story

The woman replied, "He told me he was the janitor next door," where upon the judge observed, "It does not seem reasonable to the court that a man in the act of committing the most serious crime in the annals of this state should voluntarily identify himself."

Later it was brought out that the woman had called police officers to report the theft of two large diamond rings in her possession, that were the property of her sister.

She said nothing about the supposed rape, but two hours later appeared at the city hospital, asking for a physical examination. It was then she said she had been criminally attacked.

The medical report revealed recent sexual intercourse, but no evidence of violence, and no bruises on any part of her body. The physician said, "She seemed cool and collected."

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Renovating YMCA in Harlem

Work was begun last week on the $275,000 renovation and redecoration job of the annex building of the Harlem YMCA which houses the boys' department. The work is scheduled to be completed in February. Above, Alan L. Dingle, board chairman, is shown swinging a hammer to start carrying out a wall as work began. Others in the picture (left to right) are: Rudolph J. Thomas, executive director; Alexander King, chairman of the house committee; Henry C. Parker, who was chairman of the Y board when the building was erected in 1918, and James E. Allan, chairman of the boys' work committee.

Slaying of Two Bandits Ends Detroit Crime Wave

Man Under Mental Observation Killed in Bank Holdup; Car Thief Shot in Gun Battle

DETROIT—The slaying of two bandit suspects by police here last week is believed to have brought to an end an eastside crime wave in which a taxicab driver and the manager of an automobile salesroom were held up, a couple (white) robbed in their home and the woman criminally attacked, and a bank entered and its employees terrorized in a futile robbery attempt.

Slain, Tuesday night, in the National Bank of Detroit, at 6565 E. Jefferson Ave., by six police bullets was Thomas James, 36, of 1040 Jos Campau St., released from Receiving Hospital, where he had been held since Nov. 18 for mental observation, only six hours earlier.

Police said the man gained admittance to the bank by smashing one of its windows with a 15-pound concrete block. He is said to have dashed behind the counter where two tellers were working late and to have demanded, "Gimmie your money."

Fights Armed Bank Tellers

When told the money was locked in the vault, James is said to have struck one of the tellers over the head with a heavy paper punch, while the other grabbed a pistol and fired a shot at the bandit, meanwhile pressing the burglar alarm. James refused to obey officers' warnings to surrender and was shot six times.

James's landlady, Mrs. Primer L. Smith, said the man began to act "odd" after he had joined a small church near his home and begun to have delusions of a visitatory character. She said after he was released from the hospital, Tuesday, his wife hid from him, after he had made extraordinary demands upon her.

"He asked me for $200 shortly before he crashed into the bank," the landlady stated, "but did not offer to harm me when I told him I did not have the money."

Alabama Bandit Slain

The second bandit suspect slain by police was Bishop Bellamy, 20, of 524 Alpha St., Birmingham, Ala., according to papers found in his pockets by police, who fatally shot him, Wednesday night, after a chase in an automobile stolen from an automobile salesroom, at which he had taken about $200 in loot from five persons.

Bellamy is believed by officers to be the bandit who on Tuesday robbed Daniel Camp, 34, an Exchange Cab Co. driver of $25; and earlier on Wednesday to have forced Harold Vroom of 1525 Carlyale St., into his house at gun point, where he tied him with an electric iron cord, criminally attacked his wife, took some of the man's clothes and struck the woman over the head with his pistol before fleeing.

Fla. Candidate Forced to Quit Race, Flee Town

PERRINE, Fla. — A Republican committee is investigating the reported threat that caused Ben Shavis, grocer and candidate for city commissioner, to withdraw from the race and flee town for his own safety. According to the Rev. A. D. Coleman, Republican committeeman, Shavis was told to "drop out of the race or die."

Shavis was the only colored person among the 15 who were seeking seven commission seats in the new South Dade municipality where colored voters outnumber white 316 to 278.

The high man in the election would be in line for mayor.

The Rev. Mr. Coleman said Shavis was warned that "they would burn down his house if he didn't withdraw." "They told him they didn't want a colored mayor," the Rev. Mr. Coleman asserted. He added that the threat was a verbal message.

Official Action Sought

Calling for official action if the threat can be pinned down, the Republican club appointed a committee of three to probe the matter. Those appointed are Wesley E. Garrison, Leonard Friedman and D. A. Douglas, insurance agency manager.

Douglas, who is serving on the Federal Grand Jury, said the threat is a violation of Federal civil rights, and added,

"It's a shame now in some of these small areas colored persons are taken out and killed and nobody bears anything about it."

Max M. Neumann said the case could become a national issue very easily.

The Rev. Mr. Coleman said Shavis's candidacy had been sponsored by the Republicans to "stimulate interest in the Republican party."

After the town was incorporated in May, Shavis ran for the commission in the first election and placed eighth among the candidates.

Shavis who returned here Tuesday, after what he called "a business trip" to Hastings, Fla., told reporters that he had not been threatened.

2 Named to Methodist Survey Commission

CHICAGO (ANP) — The Rev. T. R. W. Harris of New Orleans, and Mrs. Mary T. McKenzie of Jacksonville, Fla., will be serving the next four years on one of the most important committees of the Methodist Church. Charged by the general conference with making a study of all boards and agencies of the denomination, the new group is to be known as the Church Survey Commission.

"Finding ways and means to reduce duplication and overlapping and to increase the efficiency and economy of the operations of our general boards, commissions, and service organizations" is the purpose of the commission as stated in the 1948 discipline of the church.

Duke in Annual Boston Concert

BOSTON — Duke Ellington, America's foremost composer of modern music and his 16-piece orchestra were presented here in concert at Symphony Hall.

Among some of the featured artists, in addition to the leader, were: Johnny Hodges, Ray Nance, Harry Carney, Lawrence Brown, Junior Ragland and vocalists Al Hibbler and Kay Davis.

Ellington featured his famous "Solitude," "Sophisticated Lady," "Mood Indigo," and his recent numbers "Don't You Know I Care," "I'm Beginning to See the Light" and "Tattooed Bride," which had its premiere at his Carnegie Hall concert.

First Legalized Mixed Marriage Performed in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—What local citizens have been eagerly awaiting for several weeks, ever since the ban against mixed marriages was nullified by the State Supreme Court, finally took place. This was a marriage last week between Ulysses Livingston and his pretty white bride.

It was really a re-marriage, because the couple had been married for five years under Mexican marriage laws and has a four-year old son. But as Mexican marriages are sometimes —questioned in cases of court action, they have been anxious to make their tie binding under American laws.

This, the first marriage since the dropping of the ban, was performed by the Rev. D. Dewitt Turpeau of Hamilton Methodist Church.

Labor, Farm, Colored Vote Called Prime Factors in President Truman's Election

Cabinet Post Reward Not Expected, Although Competent Lawyers Are Available for Job

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The prime factors in the election of President Truman, insofar as bloc votes go, were the labor, farm and colored votes.

None of these blocs alone would have been sufficient to elect Mr. Truman. But without anyone of them he would not have been elected.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey might not have been elected, but he would have, at least, received enough electoral votes to have kept. Mr. Truman from getting a majority and the election of a President would have been thrown into the House of Representatives.

There the Dixiecrats would have been in a position to use their strength for bargaining purposes.

In the make-up President Truman's Cabinet, which was under consideration at Key West, where the President vacationed, both labor and the farm interests will have representation. But insofar as is known, no Cabinet representation will be given to colored Democrats.

Lewis Served Under Taft

As a matter of fact, no colored person has ever held a Cabinet post, and not since the administration of the late William Howard Taft has a colored man been in the "Little Cabinet." The last and only colored man to hold such a position was William H. Lewis, Boston lawyer, who served as an Assistant Attorney General during the administration of President Taft.

There are nine Cabinet positions —Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Defense, Attorney General, Postmaster General, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, and Secretary of Labor.

If Mr. Truman is unwilling to elevate a colored person to a Cabinet post, it appears that equity would dictate that one or more be elevated to a "Little Cabinet" post.

Lawyers Qualified

The argument that there are no qualified colored persons for such posts will not hold water. Since the days when Lewis was an Assistant Attorney General, the colored lawyer has grown in stature and has proved his ability in the courts.

A number of them, have had judicial experience. Gov. William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands, has had both judicial and administrative experience. Two now are members of the Federal Judiciary —Judge Irvin C. Mollison of the U.S. Customs Court and Judge Herman E. Moore of the U.S. District Court for the Virgin Islands.

A number of them, like Charles H. Houston, who is engaged in the private practice of law, and Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, have matched their intellectual powers and legal ability with some of the best white lawyers in the country and have carried off the honors.

Bunche Good Prospect

In other fields there are also colored men of unquestioned ability. For instance, Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Mediator for Palestine, has proved his skill in international diplomacy in a difficult situation. The State Department has two Under Secretaries and six Assistant Secretaries.

Certainly Mr. Bunche can fill one of these eight positions creditably and, at the same time, help the United States to square in the eyes of the world its practices with its professions.

References here to specific persons and positions are not to be interpreted as excluding other persons and other positions. There are today a large number of colored persons, who, by, character, education and experience, are well qualified to fill any position in the gift of their country.

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Counterfeit Bills Flooding Southside Chi

CHICAGO—(ANP)—A flood of fake $10 and $20 bills within the past 10 days, most of which have cropped up on the South Side, has Treasury agents searching for members of the counterfeit gang responsible for the distribution, it was disclosed here last week.

The bogus money is being passed where there are quick sales — in currency exchanges, taverns and liquor stores—and is believed to run into several thousand dollars.

According to Harry D. Anheier, supervising agent of the U.S. Secret Service, "We have learned the gang has passed these new counterfeit notes all over the city, but most of them were unloaded on the South Side."

The $10 notes are printed on grayish paper with red ink lines. The serial number appearing thereon is G-20964706, series 1934-C. They can also be identified by the face plate number, L-108 and back plate number, 1201.

The $20 bills are very deceptive and expertly reproduced. The serial number, G-07958506-C appears on this denomination. Face plate number is G110 and back plate, 480.

Aneheir explained that the fake notes are manufactured and sold to distributors who in turn sell them to passers. The price paid by the passers depend on how good the notes look—"if the note looks good, they pay up to $35 a hundred; some are purchased for $25 a hundred."

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