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## EFFORT TO ASSASSINATE PRINCE REGENT SERBIA, EIGHT PEOPLE INJURED

### MURDER TRIAL ATTRACTS MANY; PROGRESS MADE

PERRY FRIERSON, CHARGED WITH MURDER NEGRO WOMAN, GOES ON TRIAL FOR LIFE.

### SCORES WITNESS PRESENT

Expect Trial Not Be Completed Before Late Friday—Jury in Harlan Damage Suit to Report on Saturday Morning.

Rapid progress was being made today in circuit court in the trial of Perry Frierson, colored, charged with murder in the first degree. The state has not yet completed the introduction of witnesses, and it was believed that the case would not be completed before late Friday. Frierson is charged with the murder of Mary Jane Tindell at the Century Mines near Mt. Pleasant during the spring.

The case has attracted a great part of the colored population of Mt. Pleasant to the court room, and scores of white people are also in attendance, almost filling the big court room.

The prosecution is being conducted by Attorney General Looney B. White, assisted by R. S. Hopkins, while the defense is being conducted by T. B. Forzey, appointed by the court.

The prosecution seeks to prove that Frierson waylaid and shot the Tindell woman, who in a dying statement charged that the shooting was done by Frierson. The defense seeks to prove an alibi for Frierson, and that he was not near the scene of the killing on the night the woman was shot. Witnesses have been introduced to prove that Frierson was carried to the Harlan Mine community on the night before, and at the time he had in his possession a shotgun. Only one shot was fired, the woman dying shortly after she was shot. It is claimed that the night was dark and that she could not have distinguished her assailant. Judge Turner has ordered the jury in the Harlan damage suit against the Federal Chemical Company to report on Saturday morning when procedure in that case will be resumed.

### PAINTING ALL RIVER BRIDGES OF COUNTY

WORK HOUSE HANDS SENT TO CARTER'S CREEK PIKE TO PUT IT IN GOOD SHAPE.

Repairs on the Santa Fe bridge over Duck river will be finished this week by Superintendent Burk Wilkes, of the highway department. Mr. Wilkes has two crews at work painting all of the Duck river bridges of the county and much work is being done on the other smaller bridges. He expects to have the plans and specifications for the two concrete bridges to be erected ready this week and will at once call for bids on their construction.

The work house hands went to work this morning on the Carter's Creek pike and will continue there for some time. Since the closing of the Jackson highway this road has had a tremendous traffic and it is expected that it will be put in reasonably good repair while the force is at work.

### REWARD OFFERED FOR A PRISONER

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR RECAPTURE OF MT. PLEASANT NEGRO.

Twenty-five dollars reward has been offered for the recapture of Son Puryear, who escaped from the county work house. This negro is about twenty-two years of age and was sent up from Mt. Pleasant for breaking into a cash register. He made his escape by slipping off the truck when it was going from here to that place.

### ALEXANDER ESCAPES, WHEN BOMB EXPLODES IN AIR SOME DISTANCE FROM HIM.

### AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING

Serbian Legation in America Receives News of Attempted Murder This Morning—Anarchists Are Still at Liberty.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, June 30.—An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Alexander, Prince Regent of Serbia, in Belgrade, was announced today in a message to the Serbian legation here. The Prince escaped when the bomb exploded in the air, some distance from his carriage. Eight bystanders were hurt. Authorities are conducting a searching investigation into the attempted murder of the Prince.

### DETROIT VAPOR OIL STOVE DEMONSTRATION

FACTORY EXPERT G. D. WILCOX AT COLUMBIA HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY.

Today and tomorrow G. D. Wilcox, factory demonstration expert for the Detroit vapor oil stove, will be at the store of the Columbia Hardware & Furniture Co. for the purpose of demonstrating this latest improved household necessity.

During the two days demonstration Mr. Fly, manager for the firm has announced that he would give free with each stove, a fifty pound bag of flour.

### GENERAL RAINS VERY MUCH NEEDED

ONLY SCATTERING SHOWERS HAVE FALLEN SINCE FIRST PORTION OF MAY.

Farmers of this county continue to pray for rain. It is more needed than anything at this time. There has not been a ground soaking rain in the county since early in May. The rains that have fallen since that time while copious in some sections have not been general and there are portions of the county that have not been thoroughly wet in seven or eight weeks. What is true of this county is true of Williamson and other portions of Middle Tennessee. Where there are good stands of corn it has not been particularly hurt by the dry weather, but from now on plenty of rain will be needed if a bumper crop is made. The corn crop depends very largely on the July rainfall.

### CHILDREN'S DAY AT GARDEN STREET CHURCH

INDEPENDENCE DAY WILL ALSO BE APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED ON NEXT SUNDAY.

Children's day and independence day will be jointly observed next Sunday morning at the Sunday school of the Garden Street Presbyterian church. A most interesting program of songs, readings, etc., appropriate for the day will be given by the children and a special collection will be taken for the benefit of the Sunday school missions of the church.

### ICE CREAM SUPPER AT WATER VALLEY

UNDER AUSPICES OF EPWORTH LEAGUE—BENEFIT COMMUNITY SINGING CLASS.

There will be an ice cream supper at Water Valley on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock held under the auspices of the Epworth League of that place for the benefit of the community singing class. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## JUDGE LYTLE TO HEAR CASES FOR TRIAL JULY 11

CHANCELLOR WILL OPEN COURT TO DISPOSE OF ALL LITIGATION THAT IS READY.

### TO REAPPOINT MR. FARISS

Expected That Popular Clerk and Master, Whose Term Expires on August 1 Will Be Formally Given Another Term—Judge to Move Here.

Judge Thomas B. Lytle, of the chancery court, will be here on July 11 for the purpose of hearing and deciding any case that the attorneys may have ready for a trial. It is expected that a number of cases will be prepared and heard at this time.

It is altogether probable that during his stay here Judge Lytle will make his arrangements for moving to Columbia at an early date. He has only recently disposed of his property in Murfreesboro and is expected to buy a home in Columbia.

During the brief term that will be held here next month it is practically certain that Mora B. Fariss will be formally re-appointed clerk and master. Mr. Fariss' term will expire in August, but the appointment will be made now to obviate the necessity of a term then. Nearly a year ago Judge Lytle announced that he would re-appoint Mr. Fariss and there has been no suggestion of a contest.

Mr. Fariss was appointed by the late Judge Bearden six years ago when Capt. Akin died. So satisfactory has been his service that he received the endorsement of the bar and a large number of influential citizens. He is regarded by members of the bar as one of the most efficient officials who ever served the county.

## Britain And Japan Wait On United States

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Great Britain and Japan will leave to the United States the first step toward disarmament, according to statements in authoritative diplomatic circles here today. This attitude of the first and third naval powers of the world, is understood to have been made plain to this government in responses to diplomatic feelers President Harding put forth.

### CLAUDE I. GODWIN WOULD BE SHERIFF

FORMER OFFICER MAKES FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THAT OFFICE THIS MORNING

Former Sheriff Claude I. Godwin this morning made formal announcement of his candidacy for sheriff of Maury county, subject to the action of the democratic primary of November 12.

Mr. Godwin needs no introduction to Maury countians. He served the county for two terms as sheriff, and as an officer made a splendid record. He has always taken an active interest in politics and the affairs of the county.

Mr. Godwin has been an avowed candidate for this office for some time, and as such he has received the assurance of the support of hundreds of friends in every section of the county. He plans to make an active campaign for the office, and within the next few weeks will begin his canvass of the county, hoping to see every voter personally.

### ONLY TWO HITS BY AIRPLANES

(By United Press.) OFF THE VIRGINIA CAPES, June 30.—An official board of naval observers today began a study of the results of the bombing of the battleship Iowa by airplanes. Only two direct hits were scored on the Iowa yesterday, but the believers in the supremacy of airplanes contend, however, that several "bombs" struck near enough to have damaged the vessel had they been the real thing.

## ATTEMPTS BURN HOME EMPLOYER FOR ONE DOLLAR

JOE WILKES AND FRANKIE HEGGS, COL., IN JAIL CHARGED ATTEMPTED ARSON.

### BLOODHOUNDS WORK PERFECTLY

Trail Negro Woman Circuitous Route From Home Melburn Whitaker to Her Home and Return—Grand Jury to Take Action.

As the result of a desperate and daring attempt to burn the home of Melburn Whitaker on Lytle creek, Frankie Heggs, a negro woman, and Joe Wilkes, also colored, are held in the county jail charged with arson pending the action of the grand jury which is now in session.

It is believed that indictments will be returned against the accused and that they will go to trial at the present term of circuit court.

The attempt to burn the home of Mr. Whitaker followed the discharge of Wilkes, a farm hand employed by Mr. Whitaker after he had attempted to stick a pitchfork in a white boy also employed on the place.

Wilkes was arrested Tuesday night on suspicion, following an unsuccessful attempt, it is alleged, he made to burn the house on Tuesday. Frankie Heggs, the negro, was arrested Wednesday afternoon after she had been tracked down by bloodhounds brought to Columbia from Nashville by Deputy Sheriff E. P. Pugh, of Davidson county.

The negro woman, who was found at work in the kitchen of the home she had attempted to burn, at first denied all knowledge of the fire, but when pinned down to facts and the incriminating evidence by officers she confessed that she had attempted to fire the house for a dollar offered her by Wilkes. The fire was extinguished before it did any great damage. The negro woman had used kindling and coal oil under the side of the house in her attempt to start the blaze.

It is said that Wilkes was foiled in his attempt to burn the house on Tuesday by other negro farm hands employed on the place, when they discovered the blaze and extinguished it. Mr. Whitaker and his family being away from home at the time. The negro who extinguished the fire on Tuesday was the husband of Frankie Heggs, and was paid \$10 by Mr. Whitaker for putting out the blaze.

It was said that Wilkes had been loitering around the place in the absence of Mr. Whitaker from home, and he was arrested Tuesday night on suspicion.

The second blaze started at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, and this fact was promptly communicated to officers here and bloodhounds were phoned for. Mr. Pugh arrived here with his dogs at 11 o'clock and went at once to the scene. The dogs were put on the trail which followed to the home of Frankie Heggs and then back to the home of Mr. Whitaker, where Frankie was at work in the kitchen. When the dogs entered the house Frankie attempted to make her escape, telling the officers that she was going after stovewood. She was immediately arrested, and confronted with the evidence, finally confessed that she had attempted to burn the home of her employer for one dollar offered her by Wilkes. Officers say Frankie is not intelligent.

The Heggs woman was immediately brought to town and given a preliminary hearing before Esquire T. M. Jones who bound her over to the grand jury, and in default of bond she and Wilkes are in the county jail.

The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Sam Hardison.

### BIG ATTENDANCE AT CLUB MEETING

ENTERPRISE PLANNING A BIG NIGHT FOR SATURDAY—HINT KITTRELL A SPEAKER.

The meeting of the Enterprise club on Saturday night will no doubt be one of the most largely attended held in months. The principal speaker will be Hint Kittrell, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Mt. Pleasant, who will talk especially to the boys and girls. County Agent Aehnathy will also be a speaker and will outline the work which the division of extension seeks to accomplish during the next thirty days. Several of the leading citizens of the community will also make short talks.

### United States Plans to Sell Wooden Ships

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, June 30.—The United States shipping board has definitely decided to dispose of 287 wooden ships of the emergency fleet corporation it was announced today. The fleet is now lying idle in various harbors.

## LIGHT DOCKET FOR JULY TERM COUNTY SQUIRES

SO FAR NO ITEMS THAT ARE LIKELY TO PROVOKE DEBATE OR AROUSE INTEREST.

### ROAD BONDS MAY COME UP

Doubtful if Chairman Akin's Tax Levy Committee Will Be Prepared to Report at This Time—Two Bridges Are Asked For.

Unless the road bond question comes before the quarterly court at the July term, from present indications the session promises to be a rather quiet one. So far as it is made the docket does not disclose any items that are liable to provoke any considerable discussion and there are no elections to be made.

The most important matter on the docket is the tax levy for the year. The tax levy committee composed of five members, of which Squire Akin is chairman, has not held any meetings, due to the fact that until the aggregate assessment of the county is ascertained no intelligent report of the levy needed could be made. It is doubtful if any levy will be recommended at this term.

As heretofore stated the tax assessor and county board of equalization have reduced the property values of the county by from fifteen to twenty per cent. If the same sum is required for the operating expenses of the county that was provided last year this will mean an increase in the tax rate. However, a number of the justices are going to make an effort to, if possible, reduce the expenses of the county and thereby keep down the rate. Whether or not that can be done is a mooted question. One prominent member of the court has expressed the opinion that the levy for sinking fund could be decreased without impairing the credit of the county.

It is known that Tax Statistician Louthan, of the state board of assessors, is going to insist that property be assessed at its actual value and doubtless an effort will be made to have the state board restore the assessments in this county to last year's standard. Until the outcome of such an effort is known the total valuation cannot be calculated.

Two bridges on the Hampshire-Mt. Pleasant pike, calling for appropriations of \$2,250 are on the docket. Then there are the usual routine matters to be disposed of. So far as known at this time there will be no elections.

## Taft To Head Highest Court Harding Says

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, June 30.—William Howard Taft has been chosen chief justice of the United States supreme court. The final decision to name him was reached today, it was learned on the highest authority.

## ANOTHER KILLED WHEN PLANE FALLS

(By United Press.) ARCADIA, June 30.—Aviation had today added another victim to its toll of death. Cadet Forest Myers, training at the naval station here was instantly killed late yesterday when the plane in which he was flying crashed to the ground.

## Senate For Farm Export Corporation

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, June 30.—The senate agricultural committee today ordered a favorable report on the bill creating a Farmers Export Corporation with a capital stock of \$100,000,000.

## PRESIDENT PROTESTING AGAINST REDUCTION OF ARMY TO 150,000 MEN

HOWEVER, WILL SIGN ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL THIS AFTERNOON, IT WAS SAID.

### AGAINST BORAH AMENDMENT

Harding Opposes Legislation by Borah Which Prohibits Army From Incurring Deficit in Appropriations for Year.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 30.—President Harding will sign the army bill today, it was authoritatively stated at the White House this morning.

The President, after signing the measure will send a written protest to congress against the limitations thrown around the army establishment.

Harding and Weeks opposed, particularly the reduction of the army to 150,000 by October 1, and also the Borah amendment, prohibiting the war department from incurring a deficit. President Harding sent a message to congress, strongly dissenting from the provisions in the army appropriations bill, which requires that the army be reduced to 150,000 men by October 1.

The President announced his approval of the bill, but warned that he does not feel justified in asking the secretary of war to enforce the dismissal of men before the expiration of their enlistments as would be necessary should the measure be carried into effect.

## Six May Die For Murder Of One Man

(By United Press.)

AMITE, La., June 30.—Six men here today faced the hangman's noose, all for the same crime. The conviction of six men late yesterday is believed to have set a new national record. They were found guilty of the murder of Dallas L. Calmes at Independence, La., on May 8.

## CHAIRMAN HOUSE TO SPEAK TONIGHT

WILL EXPLAIN IN DETAIL THE PRESENT STATUS OF STATE AND FEDERAL ROADS.

There will be a big meeting on the public square tonight in the interest of the state and federal aid highway program. Hon. W. W. House, chairman of the state highway commission, will be the principal speaker and it has been announced that he would explain fully the status of the program in this county. Mr. House will also explain fully what has been done in the building of the road from Spring Hill to Columbia, its costs and the amounts that have been paid by the federal, state and county.

It is expected that as a result of the meeting here tonight and that at Mt. Pleasant recently action will be taken at the coming session of the quarterly court to complete the roads to the Giles county line and the Mt. Pleasant pike. Large delegations from Mt. Pleasant, Spring Hill, Higbyville and McCains will be here tonight and every member of the county court is also expected to attend. The speaking will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

## SENATE FOR FARM EXPORT CORPORATION

ORDERS FAVORABLE REPORT ON BILL CREATING \$100,000,000 CORPORATION.

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## SMALL SUMS TO GIVE PREMIUMS AT LOCAL FAIR

CHAIRMAN ALBERT HOLT WOULD HAVE TWELVE HUNDRED CONTRIBUTORS.

### ONLY QUARTER FROM EACH

Assistants Are Named in Various Sections of the County to Ask Small Amount in Order to Popularize the County Agricultural Exhibit.

Acting under authority of the county council of agriculture Albert Holt, of the county fair and poultry exhibition will during next month make his drive for the collection of \$300 in small twenty-five cent contributions. Mr. Holt is convinced that he can find at least 1,200 patriotic people in the county who will make a quarter contribution, and he believes that this will be better than have a comparatively few make the payments. At a recent meeting of the county council Mr. Holt submitted the matter of making the collection in the manner indicated and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Holt has completed the list of his assistants or collectors in the various sections of the county, and they are announced today. He asked these assistants to press the work of collecting so that the entire amount can be obtained.

Mr. Holt has appointed the following as his assistants in the campaign:

- Santa Fe—Ellis Woody.
- Theta—Mrs. Passmore.
- Spring Hill—Mrs. A. H. Carpenter.
- Dark's Mill—Mrs. T. H. Mangrum.
- Rally Hill—Mrs. John M. Crowe.
- Kedron—Miss Sue Parks.
- Beechland—J. H. Hardison.
- Rock Springs—T. E. Hardison.
- Letwlich—A. J. Hardison.
- Bryant Station—Miss Sallie Orr.
- Glendale—Mrs. J. S. Covey.
- Ferndale—Mrs. Thomas Troop.
- Culleoka—E. J. Park.
- Stiversville—Mrs. Hunt Dugger.
- Zion—D. F. Fulton, Columbia Route No. 2.

- Mt. Joy—Mrs. Albert Irvine.
- Hampshire—Mrs. Webb.
- Isom—Dr. Beasley.
- Williamsport—Miss Lillie Mat Russell.
- Sawdust—Miss Josephine Kinzer.
- Water Valley—Miss Annie Lee Pigg.

## Great Interest In Big Battle At Jersey City

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, June 30.—Gotham and its across-the-Hudson neighbor, Jersey City today seethed with excitement over the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

With work in the training camps over, the scene of activity shifted to the battle ground. Hotels were crowded to overflowing and everywhere there was a jik of the fight. More than 80,000 persons are expected to attend the battle.

## IMPORTANT MEETING OF SANTA FE CLUB

PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL EXHIBIT AT THE STATE FAIR THIS FALL.

A most important meeting of the Santa Fe county club will be held this evening, and it was believed this morning that the meeting would be one of the most largely attended ever held in that community.

The Santa Fe people are greatly interested in the county council exhibit at the state fair this fall, and plans for the community's part in that exhibit will likely be discussed tonight.