

THREATENED H. FORD WITH DEATH; CAUGHT BY DETROIT POLICE

DETROIT, Mich., July 30.—One of the boldest attempts yet made to force Henry Ford to pay money or pain or death was squelched Thursday, it is believed, when, after two weeks' work by all available local police detectives and postoffice inspectors from three states, the local officials arrested Edward Gordon, 22 years old, at 420 Dix Avenue, and charged him with the attempted crime.

According to E. E. Frazer, local postoffice inspector, this attempt to force ransom from Mr. Ford was the most threatening with which local officials ever have come in contact. Nothing was left undone in the two weeks' effort to apprehend the criminal, he said, and great fears were felt for the safety of Mr. Ford and his son, Edsel, who also was named.

The first letter was sent to Mr. Ford about three weeks ago. It demanded that \$25,000 be sent to "Edward Warren, general delivery, Detroit," and said that refusal to deliver would result in the deaths of Mr. Ford and Edsel.

Evidently Had Confederates

The letter was turned over to Mr. Frazer, who immediately ordered all clerks at the general delivery window to deliver no mail for "Edward Warren" without first notifying him.

No one called for such mail, but within a week, Mr. Ford got a second letter announcing that the sender was aware that detectives had been placed on his trail, making it impossible for him to call at the postoffice for the money, and demanding that it be sent in person to "Edward Gordon, 420 Dix Avenue."

This bold statement, along with mystification as to how the black-mailer learned that he was being watched for at the postoffice delivery window, dumbfounded the local officials. They already had sent for postoffice inspectors from Ohio and Indiana to work on the case and had obtained all the police detectives they could to aid.

Dummy Package Delivered

A dummy package was fixed up to be sent to the name and address given, but before it could be delivered Mr. Ford received a third letter, even more threatening than the first two.

Wednesday afternoon, however, the dummy package was delivered by the regular mail carrier and immediately afterward Gordon was arrested.

According to Mr. Frazer, Gordon seems to be a vicious and determined criminal, and he expressed great relief at his arrest. Gordon told the police he was formerly employed as a news butcher on a train out of Detroit, but that he had not worked lately. The letters declared the signer's brother had been mistreated in the Ford plant and that he was determined to have revenge.

He was arraigned later in the day before J. S. Hurd, United States commissioner, and bail was fixed at \$3,000.

THREAD PICKED UP IN TRUNK MURDER CASE

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, July 30.—Eugene Leroy, of Detroit, now being sought in Mexico in connection with the murder of his wife, whose body was found jammed in a trunk here, may now be in this city, according to a clue picked up today by the police.

Leroy was seen here last Friday, the day the body was found, by a man who knew him in Detroit, according to information which has been given to the authorities.

The Detroit man had not then read of the finding of the body. Later when he learned Leroy was sought, he notified the authorities.

LEAGUE COUNCIL IS MEETING IN SPAIN

(By Associated Press)

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, July 30.—The opening session of the council of the League of Nations began at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The conferees will take up minor but practical questions such as making traveling easier in Europe.

The council probably will empower the International Transit commission in Paris to settle directly and promptly the differences arising from new passports and customs regulations which now delay international trains at all frontiers, causing passengers annoyance.

Turks Arrive in Paris to Put Noses to Grindstone

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, July 30.—The Turkish delegation which is to sign the peace treaty arrived in Paris this morning.

It was the intention to sign the Turkish peace treaty on Thursday at Sevres, four miles northeast of Versailles, but the Turkish delegates were delayed on the journey from Constantinople and the ceremony had to be postponed. They found themselves unable to proceed to Paris by way of the railway from Constanza on the Black Sea, because of a railway and shipping strike on Rumanian lines. They returned to Constantinople on board a French cruiser and were obliged to choose a different route for the trip to Paris.

Circuit Court

Stewart Pratt was granted a divorce from Sarah Pratt by Judge Bond Friday on a cross complaint filed by Stewart in the divorce action originally instituted by Mrs. Pratt. After filing her complaint Mrs. Pratt withdrew it and the cross complaint was then filed by her husband. The divorce was granted on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. Pratt is a music teacher.

Multi-X Co. Moving Out?
The Multi-X company, stock selling concern operating in Richmond, has closed two of the three offices it occupied in the K. of P. building. The remaining office may be closed this week, it was said. Office furniture was stored at a local storage concern.

Short News of City

File to Incorporate—Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state of Indiana by the Economy Co-Operative company, of Economy, Ind. Capitalization was \$30,000.

Von Pein Returns—Matthew Von Pein, 703 South J street, of the United States navy, has returned to New York, after spending a 15 days' furlough at his home here.

Needed in Germany—Both qualified and unqualified men are needed for service in Germany, according to a telegram received by Sergeant Thompson of the local army recruiting office. The majority are needed for the infantry, without special qualifications.

Holidays Half Over—Thursday's half holiday marked the end of the first half of the summer closing rule. After the last Thursday in August, stores will swing back to the old closing schedules.

Shugart Moves In—M. D. Shugart, head of the cost department of the Wayne Works, has recently moved from Indianapolis to his new home on North Eleventh street.

Edwards Calls Here—E. D. Edwards, former mathematics and physiography instructor at the Richmond high school, was in Richmond, Thursday. He is now working in a chemical laboratory at Indianapolis, Ind.

Kandy Shop Outing—H. C. Anderson, proprietor of the Kandy Shop, will entertain his employees next Tuesday with an all-day picnic in a grove 12 miles northwest of Richmond. The store will be closed on that day. The picnic will be the first annual all-day outing. Games, contests and amusement features of all kinds will be provided. Two fried chickens for each employee are on the bill of fare.

Revival To Begin—Revival services at the Butler Street Mission will begin tonight and continue over two Sundays, at 2 p.m., and each evening. Old time friends, pupils and relatives of Mrs. Angie Nichols Norman are especially invited. Take Fairview car, get off at Sherman street, go one square east to the Pentecostal Mission. Mrs. Angie Nichols Norman and Miss Della Wisehart of Shirley, Ind., are assisting.

U. S. Will Picnic—Members of the United Brethren church will leave for a picnic immediately following the Sunday school services Sunday morning. Basket dinner will be served at Glen Miller park.

Victory Buttons Ready—Experienced men who served in the World War and reserves who have not received Victory Buttons, may procure them by applying at the local navy recruiting office and bringing their discharge or release papers.

Return From North—Dr. S. Edgar Bond, North Eighth street, and family have returned from a trip to Niagara Falls and the lake regions in the north. Dr. Bond has resumed his duties as Wayne county coroner.

Indianapolis Girls Here—Misses Virginia and Cornelia Bates, daughters of Laura Ratliff Bates, of Indianapolis, are spending a few days with Mrs. Earl Stinson 426 Richmond avenue.

Attend Services Here—Superintendent and Mrs. Fry, of the Oesterlin Orphanage, Springfield, Ohio, will be present at the Sunday school service of the First English Lutheran church next Sunday, Aug. 1.

Tank Corps Enlistment—Sergeant Thompson of the local army recruiting office, has received a bulletin stating that the Tank Corps requires approximately 500 men to complete the total enlisted strength authorized. Some of the Tank corps are located at Camp Taylor, Ky., Camp Benning, Ga., Camp Funston, Kans., Camp Grant, Ill., and Camp Meade, Maryland.

Taken Navy Examination—Wilfred E. Boyer of Greenville, O., has taken the preliminary examination at the local navy recruiting station and has been sent to Indianapolis for final examination. Boyer is taking up radio work and will be stationed at Green Lakes, Ill., for two years' instruction.

Trains Are Detoured—Derailment of freight cars on the Logansport division of the Pennsylvania lines between Logansport and Bradford Thursday night caused Logansport division passenger trains to be routed over Richmond division tracks to this city, then over Columbus tracks to Bradford, the terminal of the Logansport division.

Trucks From Boston—Delays in railroad transportation caused a manufacturing concern near Boston, Mass., to send a motor truck through to Richmond for a drill from the Nato plant. The truck left Boston Saturday morning and, travelling only in day time, arrived here Friday morning, a distance of 1,000 miles.

Logan on Vacation—A. N. Logan, deputy revenue collector for Wayne county, will leave on a 15-day vacation Saturday night. Remittances and mail sent to the offices will be taken care of and forwarded to Indianapolis.

10th Wedding Anniversary—The Rev. and Mrs. Shelby C. Lee, National Road east, will celebrate their crystal anniversary on Friday, Aug. 6. The Rev. Lee said Friday that he and Mrs. Lee would like to have their friends call at any time between 2:30 and 5 p.m. and 7:30 and 10 p.m. The celebration will be an informal one, and those wishing to visit the pastor and his wife may come and go between those hours at will.

LETTUCE HEAD 73 INCHES—NEWTON, N. J.—Coroner James W. Mills picked a head of lettuce in his garden which was 73 inches in circumference. He declares it is the largest head of lettuce ever grown in New Jersey if not in the entire country.

A Cereal Naturally Sweet—should be chosen in these days of high priced sugar.

Grape-Nuts—pleases, both for its delightful flavor and its real economy.

Grape-Nuts Contains Its Own Sugar

EXPORTS OF AMERICA SHOW A BIG DROP OVER 1919 FIGURES

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, July 30.—America's trade balance with Europe for the fiscal year just ended fell off more than \$500,000,000 compared with 1919, according to a report issued today by the department of commerce, while trade with South America for the same period produced an unfavorable balance of nearly \$400,000,000.

Exports to Europe amounted to \$4,864,155,186 compared with \$4,845,453,898 in 1919 and imports totaled \$1,179,460,699 as against \$1,372,951,319 for the previous year.

Imports from South America aggregated \$69,944,300 compared with \$63,374,904 in 1919, while exports totalled \$490,944,179 compared with \$466,896,901 in 1919.

Imports from Asia during 1920 amounted to \$1,368,669,105 as against \$798,136,458.

Billions to Great Britain

Exports to Great Britain for the fiscal year totalled \$2,151,336,423, and imports, \$524,020,493; exports to France, \$716,511,629, and imports, \$172,022,935; exports to Italy, \$398,065,795, and imports, \$92,420,177; exports to Belgium, \$317,012,688, and imports, \$29,748,468; exports to Germany, \$202,176,079, and imports, \$45,085,975, and exports to Japan, \$463,147,063, and imports, \$527,228,867.

Exports to Argentina for the year amounted to \$20,429,000, exceeding those of any other South American country, while imports from that republic totalled \$19,700,000. Exports to Brazil were \$8,960,000 and were exceeded by imports from that country by about \$1,500,000.

Gov. Cox Endorses Earlham Campaign

TRUSTEES ARE GIVEN COUNTY MONEY SHARE

Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, Democratic nominee for president, has added his endorsement to the many others received in support of the Earlham college endowment campaign. Work in the drive is steadily progressing and encouraging letters from well known and influential persons are being received daily.

Following is a copy of the letter sent by Governor Cox:

"My dear Eds:

"In the campaigns for increased endowment funds for colleges and universities, such as is now being conducted by Earlham college, the public has an interest little less than that of the alumni of these institutions. That interest should be generally recognized and given tangible expression in generous contributions to the funds so urgently needed to increase the salaries of the faculties and to better equipment.

"The country as a whole—its industrial plants, its financial institutions, its commerce—relies upon the universities and colleges to supply them with the trained men and women they require. A selfish interest would demand that they see that the colleges and technical schools are adequately equipped to train men and women for them. The greatly increased operating and living costs have placed many of our oldest and best institutions in a serious predicament. Some already are at a standstill, and will retrogress unless help is given. One condition requiring immediate amelioration is the utterly inadequate salaries paid professors and instructors. Many of the best men of the teaching staffs are leaving to enter more remunerative activities, while promising young men are abandoning the thought of choosing teaching as a profession.

"It is high time that we give our attention to this situation and see that the college professor receives at least a living salary. It is my earnest hope, therefore, that the graduates of the various universities and colleges contribute to the utmost of their circumstances, and that the public, the business man who sees the value and need of trained men, the manufacturer who relies upon the technical school for

human material he requires, the farmer who benefits by our agricultural schools, the successful man or woman who wanted a college education but could not get it, may also to the utmost of their ability.

"Yours truly,
JAMES M. COX."

FLAT ROCK BAPTISTS WILL MEET IN CITY

Baptists of the Flat Rock Baptist association, including churches in several nearby counties, will hold their 98th annual session in the First Baptist church of this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 10 and 11. On Monday night, Aug. 9, a meeting of the Association Young People will be held at 8 o'clock. A speaker for the meeting has not yet been named.

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