

CAROLINA KILLER GIVEN DEATH FOR SLAYING OF BOY

Jury Ignores Insanity Plea To Render Verdict In 30 Minutes

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Robert H. Wiles, South Carolina's first kidnaper-killer in modern years, was sentenced to death Saturday, three weeks after he was found to be a 19-year-old schoolboy.

Judge Rice decreed the 49-year-old hunchbacked automobile mechanic should die in the electric chair Mar. 12.

Ignoring an insanity plea, a jury in less than a half hour of deliberation found Wiles guilty of murdering Hubbard H. Harris, Jr. Wiles admitted on the witness stand he lured Hubbard from home on the latter's birthday, two days before Christmas, to demand a \$1000 ransom. He "hammered the boy" to death, he said, with an iron bar at a deserted farm house when his plot went awry.

Part of the 23 minutes the jury-men deliberated the case was spent in prayer asking "divine graces" in their verdict.

As Clerk of Court Hinnant informed the fatal "verdict," "guilty," Wiles' three-year-old son, Robert, Jr., could be heard outside the courtroom door crying, "daddy, daddy."

The child had been with his father in the hourroom but was taken outside by his mother and two grown half-sisters before the jury retired.

Wiles heard the verdict with stern composure.

His only sign of nervousness was the rapid chipping of a quid of tobacco.

"Bob," Judge Rice asked, "you've got nothing further to say?"

"No, your honor," the condemned man replied quietly.

The judge read the formal sentence and said, "may God have mercy on your soul."

BUSINESS TREND FORECASTS FINE FIRST QUARTER

Maintenance Of High Retail Sale Level Revealed In Report

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Business trends thus far in January forecast a more favorable first quarter than was previously estimated, the Dun and Bradstreet Weekly Trade Review said yesterday.

"In all parts of the country," asserted the Review, "there is pronounced uniformity to the reports of the unexpectedly high level at which retail sales are being maintained, in spite of the nearly record proportions of the December business."

"While the movement of staple merchandise has continued to receive fresh impetus weekly as the employment totals swell, it is not this division which forms the bulk of the new buying, as the demand for high price goods, with quality the prime consideration, has remained a force unequalled since 1929.

"Industrial developments thus far this year confirm the plans that were announced at the end of 1933, following the gains in practically all major lines and the increased corporate earnings."

"The rapid rate at which business has been moving in retail channels since the last week in December is without precedents in the last few years. No post-holiday season since 1929 has been marked by such a steady week to week increase in retail sales with the current volume running above that for the comparative period of last year.

"Buying of spring merchandise in wholesale markets has broadened widely with the number of visitors larger than in the week preceding and above the total for the corresponding period of 1933. Purchases of wearing apparel ran about 15 or 20 per cent above last week's commitments, and the gain in shoe orders was nearly as large."

Varied Program Is Offered Visitors To State This Week

By The Associated Press
A tricky finesse, a cup-rimming putt or a daring maneuver in the clouds, will provide a thrill for some in Florida this week, while other of 100,000 SHD BIRDII order of business.

Twenty-four contract bridge champions from 11 metropolitan cities will seat themselves around tables at Miami tonight for the second annual Miami Billmore championships. The individual winter title is at stake tonight.

The team-of-four championship and the open pair championship for those not entered in the main tournament will be played Tuesday night and the chief event, the Billmore pair championship for the Harry B. Dobarty trophy Wednesday night.

Match play in the mid-Winter amateur golf tournament will begin at Miami Tuesday.

At Tampa Saturday a flock of airplanes will perform in an air pageant.

The Florida Department of the American Legion will hold its mid-Winter conference at Lakeland Saturday and Sunday, with a number of important problems scheduled for discussion.

At Bowling Green Wednesday through Saturday, Hardee county will have its fifth annual strawberry festival.

Taxpayers will be the chief topic of discussion at the annual meeting at Tampa Thursday of the Florida Taxpayers Association.

HOPE IS REVIVED THAT REDFERN IS ALIVE IN JUNGLE

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Point ship to nearest land—wave flag or handkerchief for each 100 miles distant—Redfern—thanks.

The crew painted the necessary formation on the deck in white letters.

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Smoot On Birthday Hopes For New Era For United States

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Reed Smoot, 72 years old recently, believes firmly that "America will never fail," and in a birthday statement he expressed "the hope that the year 1934 will be the beginning of the return to normal conditions."

The veteran, of 30 years in the United States Senate, for the first time in three decades recently observed the anniversary of his birth in his home state free from the official legislative burdens which now are borne by Senator Elbert D. Thomas.

Still a picture of health, the ex-senator, a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Latter Day Saints Church, is a staunch advocate of a sane mode of living and an ardent devotee to his hobby—golf. To this he attributes his superb physical condition. He plays a good game and advises followers of the sport "to keep your temper, keep your head down and keep your eye on the ball."

He declined to discuss specific political matters.

"If there was a time in the history of our country," he says in his statement, "where a judgment of the highest order is necessary it is at the present moment. We may not all agree, and I know we do not, that the legislation passed is such that it would be the best for the recovery of the country, but as far as I am concerned I shall do everything in my power to support that legislation, even though I know it could be improved. "America will never fail."

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GOLD CONTROL
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BY VANDERLIP

Republicans in Senate
Decide To Demand
Adequate Hearings
On Momentous Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(A.P.)—Today in Washington illustrates the fact that legislators are talking about what they are thinking about is often two separate things, sundry legislation keeping them busy on the floor and in committee debate, while privately they discussed a quick enactment of the new Roosevelt monetary legislation.

Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, registered his approval of the plan embracing a dollar of 50 to 60 per cent of the present statutory gold dollar, in testimony to the House coinage committee.

Senate Republicans at a first party conference during this session, also decided to insist on "adequate" hearings on the Administration's monetary plan, and an amendment to the independent offices appropriations bill.

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Contemplated Change In Gold Content Of Dollar, If Effective As Designed, Will Raise Price Of Things Average Man Buys

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(A.P.)—The man in the street who has been told that the gold content of the dollar will be reduced by 40 per cent, will be surprised to find that the effect of the change will be to raise the price of things he buys.

Suppose the United States and the nations of the world found that potatoes were an article of value that did not change readily and they decided to choose potatoes as a general medium of exchange instead of gold and silver.

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BUKE GIVEN TO LOUISIANA VOTE METHODS

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Celery Market Reports

THROUGH COURTESY OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE FLORIDA STATE MARKETING BUREAU, T. M. LEE, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE, 3rd FLOOR, COURT HOUSE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(A.P.)—Celery prices in the United States are expected to rise sharply in the coming months, according to reports from the Florida State Marketing Bureau.

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SEMINOLE SQUAD IS 33-26 WINNER OVER DELAND

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