

NEGRO MURDERER

SOUGHT BY POSSE

Oglethorpe County Ablaze Last Night, Following Murder of Farmer's Wife by Negro. Beat Over Head with Hoe, Woman Dies at Athens. Negro Flees to Swamp.

Athens, Ga., Sept. 8.—One of the most brutal and heinous murders in the history of crime occurred this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when a negro, named Abe Cox, assaulted the wife of a prominent Oglethorpe county farmer, four miles east of Lexington, Ga.

The negro beat his victim over the head with a hoe, and although she was immediately rushed to St. Mary's Hospital, this city, as fast as a speeding automobile could carry her, medical skill was of no avail, the blow causing concussion of the brain. She died at 8:45 o'clock.

An armed posse consisting of fully 600 men bent on avenging the deed, is now scouring the countryside in an effort to locate the murderer. The wires, connecting the neighboring towns, are spreading the news of the crime and every few minutes a new member is added to the posse. The excitement in and around Lexington is growing in volume and intensity. As the hours pass, strong, grim, determined men are silently but surely forming a human net around the murderous fugitive and the white light of morning will probably see the crime avenged.

Lexington is practically empty tonight save for the old men, women and children, as almost every able-bodied man in town has joined the band.

Bloodhounds were sent from Athens about 8 o'clock but up until 9 o'clock, the negro had not been apprehended.

The son of a white neighbor was the only one near the house when the crime was committed. According to his story the negro, who was employed as hand on the place, went up to the farmers wife and asked her for some turpentine. She gave him the turpentine and he walked in the direction of an outhouse.

The little boy started home and he saw the negro sit down behind the house, but thought nothing of it. He had gone about 200 yards when he heard a scream. Rushing back to the house he found the planter's wife huddled on the floor in a dying condition. The negro had hit her several times across the head and neck with a hoe leaving an awful gash in her head. Help was immediately summoned but before the rescuers arrived on the scene the negro had fled. A posse was quickly formed and the man hunt begun.

Efforts have it that the negro was last seen going toward the swamps and every effort is being made for his capture before morning. The victim was the wife of a well-to-do Oglethorpe farmer. She is survived by her husband and two children, one thirteen years of age, and the youngest a baby of six weeks.

CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN FOR MEMORIAL BUILDING

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars to be Raised in South Carolina to Supplement \$100,000 Appropriated by Legislature.

All those who by their magnificent

work and unselfish devotion to the common cause when the nation was at grips with the enemy aided in the several Liberty Loan campaigns to finance the government and to back up the fighting men on the frontiers of freedom are asked by Charles H. Barron, who served as State Chairman for the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign in South Carolina, to lend their efforts as unselfishly and as sincerely toward the raising of the \$400,000 fund to be subscribed by the people of the State in the campaign from September 29th to November 11th, to erect a fitting memorial to South Carolina's soldiers in the Great War.

Mr. Barron has sent out a letter to the several county chairmen who served in the Liberty Loan campaigns urging them to assist in the worthy cause. Obviously it was impracticable for him to write all the individual workers and township chairmen, but their aid is essential, and it is believed, will be cheerfully given.

Mr. Barron's letter follows: "Columbia, S. C., August 29, 1919. To County Chairmen in the Liberty Loan Campaigns:

"A month from today, on September 29th, the first anniversary of the breaking of the Hindenburg line by the Thirtieth Division, the campaign of the South Carolina Memorial Commission for \$400,000 to supplement \$100,000 appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of erecting a memorial building to honor the men from this State who fought in the Great War and those who made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of civilization and human liberty will begin. While the campaign will extend, if necessary, until November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, it is the hope and belief of the Memorial Commission that the fund will be raised in the first few days. To this end I desire to ask, as former State Chairman in the Liberty Loan campaign, that you lend your aid and assistance, cooperating with your county chairman and county organization, because I know how invaluable to this worth and noble cause your efforts will be.

"I ask further, that so far as possible, you communicate with your former organization members, enlisting them in this fine work. It is a matter that, I am sure, is close to your heart, as to the hearts of all loyal and true South Carolinians; and in honoring our soldiers who fought for us in this way we shall be only paying them a very small part of the everlasting debt of gratitude and love which we are due them.

"Yours very truly,
"Charles H. Barron."

GALLANT SOLDIERS BACK FROM EUROPE

New York, Sept. 3.—Four thousand officers and men of the famous First Division of the regular army, veterans of some of the bloodiest victories which ever crowned American arms, returned home today on the transports Amphion, Suwanee and Mobile. The little strips of vari-colored ribbons that decorated the tunics of hundreds of returning soldiers bore silent testimony to the deeds which have made the division historic.

As far as individual decorations were concerned the palm was borne by the Eighteenth Infantry, every man of which wore forragere of the Legion of Honor conferred by the French government just before the unit boarded the Mobile at Brest. Forty per cent of the machine gun battalion of the division also has been decorated.

The homeward voyage of the Mobile was saddened by the death of one member of the Eighteenth. Private Floyd Law of Cutler, Ohio, who was suffering from blood poisoning when the transport sailed, but insisted on being taken aboard because he wanted to return with his regiment. He was operated upon by the ship's surgeon and failed to rally from the operation.

On the Mobile was Brig. Gen. Frank Barker, commander of the First Infantry Brigade, General Barker, whose home is in Georgetown, S. C., went to Paris in 1914 as military attache and was in temporary command of the First Division in October, 1918, until relieved by Major General McGlachlin.

WILL HAYS SPEAKS FOR REPUBLICANS

Says Treaty Will be Amended by Senate. Stands 7.—In a statement issued here today Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, declared that President Wilson is pounding against a stone wall in attempting to have the peace treaty ratified without reservations.

Chairman Hays' statement follows: "I agree with President Wilson that the treaty will be ratified, but the ratification will be accompanied by reservations absolutely safeguarding the full independence and freedom of action of this republic. That is the simple fact which the president may as well recognize first as last.

"At present he is only pounding against a stone wall of patriotism which has already become impregnable and is daily increasing its width, strength and height. The committee reservation constitutes the irreducible minimum of the requirements of a substantial majority of senators who cannot be coerced or cajoled into violating their oaths of office to hold America first. There is no partisanship in their position. True, every Republican senator without exception stands with the committee, but because he is an American—not because he is a Republican. I sincerely believe further that an actual majority of the Democratic senators feel the same way and evidence multiply daily that when the time comes a considerable number will vote the same way.

"It is for the president to determine when the test shall be made. The treaty will be reported out this week and a vote can be had as soon as it can be reached under the rules unless it is delayed by senators acting under the direction of the president himself. It is simply now up to the administration to decide whether it will or will not accept at once these essential guarantees of American independence which will unquestionably be promptly accepted by the other nations. It is imperative that this matter be settled promptly. The full responsibility for any delay will rest upon the president and him alone."

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples Bonded Warehouse of Clinton, S. C., will be held September 9th at 5 o'clock p. m., in the directors' room of the First National Bank, Clinton, S. C., to decide upon an increase of the capital stock, maximum \$30,000, and to transact such business as may come before the meeting.

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