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Federal Agents Shoot Dillinger

Chicago, July 22 (AP).—The government got John Dillinger tonight, just as it had promised to do.

It had him shot dead by 15 crack marksmen among its department of justice agents as he stepped jauntily out of the tiny Biograph theater on the North side of the city, ending the greatest man-hunt of many years. Crimes almost without number—robberies and murders—imputed to the Indiana farm boy, who had gone wrong, were avenged as the hunted man crashed to the sidewalk before a large audience of expectant neighborhood folk.

There was only a trace of uncertainty about the way the government "rubbed out" the man for whose capture it had offered \$10,000 a few weeks ago.

He had been watching a picture entitled "Manhattan Melodrama", not knowing that his pursuers were awaiting his exit with drawn guns. Finally out he came. Probably he never knew what had struck him down—15 shotguns held in expert hands.

Half a hundred feet away thronged breathless residents of the scene—Fuller street and Lincoln avenue on the cosmopolitan Northwest Side—aware that drama was about to be enacted. They had become suspicious when the non-uniformed federal men with their guns crowded the entrance of the theater. They had turned in an alarm to police, who came on the rush, prepared to halt a robbery but stayed to watch the government end its chase of so many months.

Dillinger strode out with two women, furtively as he neared the street, then straightened jauntily. Then he was slain without pause. A woman was slightly wounded—it could not be learned who. It was said his companions had escaped.

Government men surrounded his body and would let no one near. They placed it in an ambulance, and word went to Washington that Dillinger had been shot and would be dead in four or five minutes. Then the ambulance went to a hospital, but it was taken inside. The ambulance stood in a driveway, without lights, closely guarded, apparently awaiting word from Washington authorities. He was shot at 10:40 p. m., Central Daylight time.

Only yesterday the bank robber and ex-convict had been reported near Culver, Ind. Each day, almost without a skip, he had been reported from some point between the two coasts.

He had not been in custody, however, since March 3, when he had bluffed his way out of the county jail at Crown Point, Ind., with a wooden pistol. He had been awaiting trial for the slaying of Officer William O'Malley in the robbery of a bank at East Chicago, Ind.

He fled West after that, aiming perhaps to leave the country, but a group of "hick cops" he called them, "took him in Tucson, Ariz., several weeks later and he was returned to Crown Point by plane.

Several weeks passed and the hoodlum apparently was resigned to await trial. He talked extensively of his crimes and travels, posed for photographs with the country prosecutor and the sheriff—Prosecutor Robert Estill with his shoulder encircled by the outlaw's arm.

Then came the jail break. It was followed by more Dillinger-described crimes and threats to jails, which still held his friends, Charles Makley, Harry Pierpont and Russell Clark, caught with Dillinger in Arizona, were convicted at Lima, Ohio, of slaying Sheriff Jess Sarber while liberating Dillinger there in 1932. Makley and Pierpont are in death row of the Ohio penitentiary, awaiting execution, which they have appealed against. Clark's term was for life.

Many were the reports that "Dillinger" had been wounded while robbing banks. Once he visited his family near Mooresville, Ind., while the hunt for him was hottest. He was 32 when he died, and only 14 months out of Indiana penitentiary after being sent up on a long term for a small change robbery-down state.

About Ourselves

All of life's varied experiences are but the stuff we test our souls upon

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, July 22.—Children's Day exercises were held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A very pretty and interesting program was carried out under direction of Superintendent L. P. Thompson and Mrs. C. E. Richards. The services were well attended and were enjoyed by those present. A collection for foreign missions was taken. The prayer meeting Sunday night in charge of Mr. N. S. Richards was also well attended. A number of C. C. C. camp boys being present.

A meeting of the Liberty Hill unit of the Kershaw County Forestry Association was held here on Wednesday evening at which State Forester Smith, County Forester Nuite, Mr. Samuel Russell and Mr. T. K. Trotter were present. Several matters of importance to the Association were discussed. Very satisfactory reports of the past year's work were read, and Fire Ranger W. C. Perry was commended for his efficient and faithful services. A joint meeting with the Camden unit was planned for the near future. After which officers will be elected to serve for the next year. The extent of fire damage has been greatly reduced since the establishment of the unit here.

Mr. R. C. Jones is an enthusiastic advocate of "prohibition and law enforcement" and is putting in some active work in behalf of that commendable object.

A number of candidates for the various county offices have been in our little village of late. With a pleasant smile and a friendly handshake they are meeting old friends, and endeavoring to make new ones! Good, clever fellows like them all and feel some of the pleasant dreams of "public preference" and "official honors" will, for many of them, be soon dissipated.

Cadet A. C. Cureton, Jr. of Clemson College, who has been attending a Military Camp in Alabama, arrived home Sunday night for a vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cureton.

Mrs. S. H. Cunningham, who has been visiting her sons S. H. in Pineville, Ky. and E. L. in Pennsylvania for over a year has returned home. She was accompanied by her grandson, George Britton Cunningham and sister, Adella, of Pineville, Ky. They made the trip by automobile in less than a day. Mrs. Cunningham talks interestingly of her visit and of habits and customs of the people of these distant states, but with true patriotic Southern instinct she likes South Carolina and home best. Her friends here were glad to see her after her long sojourn "in other lands."

Mrs. J. F. Smith of Great Falls was a Sunday guest in the home of her brother, Mrs. H. S. Higgins.

Misses Ann Thompson, Annie Mae Cureton and Sara Cunningham will leave Monday to spend some time at Bethel Conference near Piedmont. Mr. L. P. Thompson will drive through with them.

Mrs. Kate Seegar and her daughter Mrs. Ruth Bodkin, of Atlanta, are visitors in the home of Miss Laura Matheson, sister of Mrs. Seegar.

Miss Charlotte Wardlaw of Augusta is visiting her brother, Mr. R. J. Wardlaw and family.

Rev. John E. Richards has been in Sumter for some weeks where he is substituting for Dr. Wells of the Presbyterian church while he is on his vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Gregory of Kershaw were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry.

While the following announcement was carried in the Society columns of Sunday's State:

"Mr. and Mrs. John Coke Edwards, of Lancaster, announces the engagement of their daughter, Henrietta, to James Pringleau Richards, Liberty Hill and Lancaster. The wedding will take place at an early date."

Mr. Richards is a popular young man, a son of the late Dr. J. P. Richards and Mrs. Richards. Since graduating from Clemson he has been prominently connected with the educational interests of the State, being now, and for several years past, principal of the Lancaster Grammar school. His friends throughout the State will hear with interest of his approaching marriage.

Mr. Albert May, energetic and en-

County Agent Gives Farmers Timely Advice

The present condition of crops in Kershaw County indicate very strongly that farm people of the county are going to face a very serious situation this fall and winter. It is truly fortunate that we were able to make contracts with the government to rent a part of our cotton land this year for it would do our farmers little good if they had planted a full crop of cotton as the chances are a very small yield will be harvested per acre and it is probable that the largest returns our farmers will receive from their cotton industry this year will come from rental payments paid by the government as rent on land not planted to cotton. Our farmers should congratulate themselves on this point and should be appreciative to our government.

Indications are strong that hundreds of our farmers will not make sufficient corn and feed crops to do them through the winter and until another crop can be made. Also there is a serious shortage of all other crops, not only corn and cotton, but crops used for food for the family. In addition, our farmers will probably find it very hard to get hold of very much money for a while. It is true that the price of cotton which we do produce will be probably three times as much as we would have received per pound had we not entered into the cotton reduction campaign since the shortage in cotton yield per acre is not general over the cotton belt but effects us more seriously than the rest of the cotton country, since it is obvious that we are facing a winter with a shortage of feed and food and a shortage of cash money.

I urge, therefore, that every farmer in Kershaw County take unusual measures to conserve every bit of food and feed possible. I urge that the farm wives of the county cooperate more closely than ever before with their able and efficient home agent in the matter of canning, preserving, and saving surplus foods on the farm, and I particularly urge the farmers to use most extraordinary care and wisdom in spending whatever money they may have and might be able to get.

I do not desire to appear pessimistic but it is imperative for the good of our people that we face the true situation and the facts whether they are what we want or not, and I believe that we will all agree when we consider the real situation that it is serious. Therefore, let me urge again that we be very sparing with the expenditure of money and that we conserve every bit of food and feed possible for human consumption and for livestock.—Henry D. Green, Co. Agt.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning services at 11:15 preaching by the pastor, J. B. Caston, subject: "Preparedness". At the evening service at 8:30 there will be a Temperance Rally. A visiting speaker will make the address. The public is cordially invited.

SINGING CONVENTION TO MEET

The Lee County Singing Convention will meet with Kellytown Baptist church (in its one hundred and sixth session) on Sunday July 29th at 11 a. m. Recess for lunch at 1 p. m. Re-convene at 2 p. m. and close about 1 p. m. This will be a tri-county convention as the Chesterfield and Darlington conventions will unite with us. We extend a cordial welcome to all choirs and singers to meet with us and take part in the exercises. The church is 4 miles from Hartsville on the Ashland road. All attending the morning services will bring lunch. A warm welcome to all.—L. A. Moore, President.

Enthusiastic young man of Augusta, Ga., who is spending some time with his uncle, Mr. R. J. Wardlaw, was a business visitor in Camden on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Heriot of Bishopville, attended Children's Day exercises here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clements and children were Lancaster visitors on Saturday, guests in the home of Mrs. G. W. Perry.

Miss Louise Johnston, who has been a patient in a Charlotte Hospital, has returned home and is getting along nicely we are told.

Denune News Items

Bethune, S. C.—Miss Gladys Baker entertained Monday afternoon with a bridge party.

Miss Mildred Manning of Clio, a former teacher here, has been the recipient of many courtesies during her week's visit. Miss Stella Bethune entertained Wednesday evening with three tables of Bunco. High scores for ladies and men were awarded to Mrs. McDaniel and Jennings Watford. Guest prizes were given to Misses Manning and Margaret Floyd.

Mrs. J. H. McDaniel entertained Thursday afternoon with heart dice. High score was awarded to Miss Manning.

Again Miss Manning was honored when Miss Carrie Yarbrough entertained Friday afternoon with bridge. Miss Kathryn Truesdell won high score. A lovely hand made handkerchief was presented Miss Manning.

Miss Margaret Floyd of Kershaw was the guest of Miss Margaret Truesdell last week.

Mrs. Lillian Davis of Birmingham, Ala. is visiting her parents the C. L. Mayes.

Mrs. Bernice Faircloth and daughter, Misses Dorothy and Marguerite of Lakeland, Fla. are the guests of Mrs. D. M. Mayes.

Miss Lorena McDonald entertained her Sunday School class Friday afternoon with a lovely party.

The boy Scouts returned Thursday after a most enjoyable week's stay at Camp Barstow near Columbia.

An arrival shower was given little Miss Sara Elizabeth Thomas Friday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hamilton Thomas. Many pretty and useful gifts were presented the little miss.

Miss Mary Thomas of Clyde visited Mrs. Sallie Robertson last week.

Mrs. R. E. McCaskill and little daughter, Betty Gray, attended Mrs. McCaskill's cousin's wedding in Tryon, N. C. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McKinnon, W. A. Dowell and L. A. McDowell visited in Raleigh and Durham last week. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Amanda McKinnon who has been visiting in Durham.

Misses Sara Hammond and Mary B. Ratcliff have returned from summer school at Winthrop College.

Mrs. B. L. Norwood of McBee spent Saturday in the home of Miss Stella Bethune.

Mrs. Margaret Marion and daughter, Robbie Newton are visiting Mrs. Marion's brother, L. M. Yarbrough in Hartsville.

Rev. J. T. N. Keels, who is now taking his vacation, spent the week end here accompanied by Rev. Ramage of Rome, Ga. They left Monday for Montreal for a week's stay.

Mrs. Sara Mahaffey wife of a Confederate veteran died at the home of her son W. D. Mahaffey. Interment was in the Scotch cemetery Sunday afternoon conducted by her pastor, W. V. Jerman.

TO SPEAK AT COTTON MILLS SATURDAY NIGHT

John E. Stasfiel, prominent attorney of Aiken and candidate for the legislature in that county, will speak on the school grounds at the mill village Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Stasfiel will speak on the labor problem. Anyone wishing to hear him is cordially invited to be present.

SPOKE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LAST SUNDAY

Rev. Frank Haynes, former Camden boy who is filling a pastorate in Illinois, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church last Sunday evening. His sermon was greatly enjoyed by all present. His many friends here were delighted with the opportunity of hearing him.

An interesting, if incorrect, addition to the patriotic utterances of American statesmen was contributed by a United States senator in a recent outburst in which he declared: "Speech has been free in this country since we took the crown off the head of King George the Second". Except for the fact that our forefathers wrested freedom from King George the Third, and did it without disturbing his crown, the reference is accurate.

Checker Tournament in Camden July 26

The checker players and fans of Camden and vicinity will be glad to know that The S. C. State Checker Association announces that the annual checker championship tourney will be held in Camden at the Armory on July 26th. All checker players are urged to attend and help make this the best tourney the association has ever held.

This tourney is held in some convenient town each year and although it decides the champion for the year it is held more to create interest in the game and as a friendly meeting of the players over the state than merely to decide who is the best player. Those who are inclined to scoff at checkers as a game should be sure to attend as there will be some really scientific players here on that date. Checkers is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, game played and though so simple any child can easily learn to play the game it still has never been mastered. The public is cordially invited to attend and all who like the game are urged to play. The playing will probably start at 10 o'clock a. m.

HOME COMING DAY AT ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday, July 27, will be home-coming day at Antioch Baptist church, ten miles east of Camden, announces Harvey R. Davis, chairman and C. W. Shiver, clerk, in whose hands all arrangements are being left.

The members and friends of this congregation are urged to attend all day services there on that date. There will be no picnic but all are asked to bring baskets so they might stay for all the program.

This church was opened for service in 1824, with twenty-four members—twelve men and twelve women—and is the second oldest Baptist church in Kershaw county.

A warm welcome is extended to all.

BOX SUPPER

Smyrna Methodist Church in West Waterree will give a church supper at the church on Friday evening July 27th, 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. Ice cream, sandwiches, fried chicken, cake—cooked in the good old country way. Prices very reasonable. Want the public of every denomination from Camden and all the county. Want all the candidates.

HOME COMING DAY AT HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pastor, Rev. A. L. Willis, and members of Harmony Baptist church (near Blaney) extend a cordial invitation to former members and Pastors, to a Home Coming which will be held at this church July 29. This invitation is further extended to all who care to attend.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT CEDAR CREEK

The Rev. C. L. Norman, former pastor of the Hermitage Baptist church, and other churches in the Kershaw Association is assisting the pastor, Rev. P. E. Blackmon in these services. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. Mr. Norman would like very much to see his old friends, and former members at these Revival Services. The meeting extends through the week, ending Saturday July the 28th.

DEATH OF EDWARD R. RAY

Edward R. Ray, 66, well known farmer, of West Waterree, with a wide family connection, died at his home at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon after an illness extending over a period of six months.

Mr. Ray was twice married and is survived by his second wife, who before marriage, was Miss Ethel Hayes. Surviving also are the following sons and daughters: Jesse Ray, Leslie Ray, George Neal Ray, Sam Ray, Mrs. Sallie Taylor, Mrs. Minnie Bass, Mrs. Lula Bass, and Mrs. Carrie Jackson. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Falls, and the burial was in the churchyard cemetery.

Veterans Gather in Charleston

Charleston, July 22—From all parts of the state veterans of the World War and members of the Legion Auxiliary have come to Charleston for the annual convention of the American Legion which will open tomorrow and continue for two days, following preliminaries this afternoon and tonight.

Judging by the number of people here tonight, the attendance which will reach its peak for tomorrow's activities, will be unusually large—perhaps the largest since the Columbia meeting of 1930 which drew perhaps the largest crowd ever assembled for one of the Legion's annual meetings.

Dedication of a Charleston war memorial, a boat ride and a midnight dance, which started as soon as Monday came and lasted until almost day-break, were the official affairs, but many took themselves to the beaches for a dip.

Monday morning will be devoted to a joint session of the Legion and auxiliary at which time Senator Walter F. George of Georgia will make the address of the occasion and Dr. C. Fred Williams of Columbia will receive the distinguished service plaque. Several luncheons will be given immediately thereafter, and in the afternoon there will be the parade and drum and bugle corps contest, with the beauty pageant, the selection of Miss American Legion and a ball in the queen's honor to be the big affair for Monday night at the Isle of Palms.

The United States cruiser Concord has been sent to Charleston for the convention, and it came into Charleston harbor today. It will be visited by thousands during its stay here.

SENDS OUT RULING ON LIQUOR LAWS

Copies of a legal opinion holding that the "federal license bluff" does not protect liquor dealers violating state laws were sent South Carolina law officers yesterday by Governor Blackwood.

The governor wrote all sheriffs, chiefs of police and state highway patrolmen as follows:

"I am inclosing herewith an opinion of the attorney general dated July 14, relating to the enforcement of the liquor laws in the state.

"This opinion is sent to you for your careful study and with the request that the law be enforced accordingly."

The governor explained that the three regular state constables are paid by an act of the legislature solely for "criminal investigation".

The opinion, written by J. Ingram Wilson, assistant to Attorney General John M. Daniel, declared it "the clear duty" of officers to arrest persons possessing more than the quart a month of 5 per cent beer and wines allowed by state law regardless of federal tax stamps or permits.—The State.

KERSHAW B. Y. P. U. ASS'N. TO MEET AT CAMDEN

The Western Division of the Kershaw B. Y. P. U. Association will hold its regular meeting July 29th at Camden First Baptist church beginning at 8:00 o'clock. All unions are urged to send delegates and be prepared to give a verbal report.

CATTLE SHIPPED TO WINNSBORO FROM DRY WEST

Winnabro, July 22.—Probably the largest shipment of cattle ever to come into South Carolina reached Winnabro Sunday from the drought area of the Middle Northwest. A special train consisting of 22 cars containing 1,006 head of cattle is consigned to S. D. Ellison, administrator, Fairfield county emergency relief administrator, for pasturage in various sections of Fairfield county. Arrangements have been made to immediately unload them, brand them and truck them to the various pastures. It is hoped that by daylight the entire shipment will be unloaded and the cattle enjoying the luxurious and nourishing grass the Fairfield county pastures afford.

Fairfield county has been allotted 2,500 head of cattle by the federal emergency relief administration and it is expected that shipments consigned to other shipping points in the county will be received in a few days.