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BIG BOOSTER PARTY LEFT LAST NIGHT

The Duroc Jersey Boosters left Union last night for Manning. About twenty men were in the party and they are making the trip in a first class Pullman car, and fully equipped. Those in the party that left Union were: F. J. Parham, Harold H. Jeter, J. G. Hughes, T. A. Murrah, J. F. McLure, J. B. Foster, H. W. Webber, A. W. Beatty, W. H. Gibson, W. D. Wood, F. H. Garner, A. G. Kennedy, J. W. Gilbert, T. L. Estes, S. A. Wix, W. D. Harris, J. D. Mobley, W. C. Alverton, Johnson Sprouse, W. S. McLure and several others whose names we did not get. The trip to Manning is to attend the Duroc sale of Bradham Bros., Farm at Manning today. The party will return to Union tomorrow, Tuesday, at 9:12 a. m., so as to be on hand for the big sale at Sardis Farm Tuesday, July 13th. At 6:25 tomorrow afternoon, and after the sale at Sardis Farm, the party will continue their trip in the Pullman car, going to Atlanta, Macon, and Cochran, Ga., at the latter two places they will attend the big sale of Peacock and Hodge, noted pure bred breeders. The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce wired Dr. Payne, Secretary of the Union Chamber of Commerce, that "the boys" on this Pullman trip would be met in Atlanta and given a rousing welcome. The Times received a telegram from the party as they were leaving Sumter this morning at 8 o'clock:

Sumter, S. C.
July 12.

"L. M. Rice,
Editor Times.
Union Duroc party leave for Manning in few minutes, after seeing another good ton besides Union. We are having a good time and the public now knows Union is on the map. Advise those behind that they had better join us at Union for rest of trip.

"The Crowd."

There will be room for several additional men on this Pullman, say the boosters here.

It is a fine chance to get a splendid trip. Mr. Parham says those making the remainder of the trip will have to pay only \$20 from Union via Spartanburg, Atlanta and Macon to Cochran. The Times Editor will gladly give information to anyone desiring to go. You will have to act quickly, however.

The Pullman car in which the party is travelling has a big streamer along each side of the coach, one side bears the inscription "Union County South Carolina Duroc Jersey Boosters." The other the words: "The Duroc Jersey hog is making Union County, South Carolina, Farmer Known Throughout the World. Better get on the Map." The idea originated with Mr. Parham, president of Sardis Farm, Inc. The trip is a real booster for old Union County, and reflects great credit upon Mr. Parham.

OUR ROADS FINE

C. F. McCall spent the fourth of July visiting in Mecklenburg county, N. C., and he said the roads in Union County were far ahead of those in Mecklenburg county—even those around Charlotte, N. C. He saw no good roads in Mecklenburg county, although he motored out from Charlotte, 10 miles in two directions. He says he was greatly disappointed to find that the reputation for good roads in North Carolina did not come up to his expectations.

WEATHER REPORT

Weather. Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia. Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

BANDITS ROB BANK

(By the Associated Press.)
Plainfield, Ill., July 12.—Five men entered the Plainfield State Bank shortly after noon today, locked the officials in the cellar and robbed the institution of \$13,000 in cash and Liberty bonds. The bandits escaped in an automobile after a rifle fight in the streets.

Firing down the main street with rifles as they drove out of town, the bandits shot John Hanh, a retired farmer, through both legs. Joseph Vincent, merchant was shot in the chest, and Harry Bayles, a grocer, was shot through the shoulder.

Mrs. D. W. Lancaster (Susie Tinsley) and Miss Lorena Hawkins will leave Wednesday for an extended visit to relatives in Dallas, Austin and Houston, Texas.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR REPARATIONS

SPA BELGIUM, July 12.—(Conference)—Germany can fulfill future engagements only if they are based on her full capacity said a statement outlining the Berlin Government's plan, for reparations submitted to the allied premiers here tonight. The German budget must balance, the statement insisted, or there would be a rapid increase in the floating debt and consequent inflation that would neutralize her capacity to pay. There must also, it was asserted, be no further diminution in the fundamental base of political economy, which are already much weakened.

Assuming that Germany's ability to pay issued as a basis, the statement asked reparations obligations be expressed in annuities, the minimum of which would be fixed, and the obligation to pay such annuities 30 years. Stipulation was made that the minimum of the annuities be fixed according to Germany's financial capacity. This would relate especially to the undertaking to pay the expenses of the armies of occupation which are to be covered partly by money and partly in kind, which must, in principle, be credited according to universal market prices. Request also was made that the allies fix the maximum sum due for reparations after payment of which Germany would be free from any obligations.

As the economic development of the next thirty years cannot be foretold the statement asserted a plan must be worked out by which allied governments would participate in the improvement of financial and economic conditions in Germany.

Experts from allied nations and Germany should meet as soon as possible, the statement said, to fix the amounts of the annuities to be paid and to pass on the demand.

These experts should also fix the maximum sum to be paid to the allies by Germany.

Material which Germany is to deliver to the allies under the treaty for reconstruction of devastated regions should be specified by the German government, the statement declared and its value should be credited to Germany. It was said the Berlin government had thus far received only lists of claims from the allies for purpose of observation. These lists had been closely examined, and suggestion was made that negotiations between Germany and the reparation commission should be given in the near future to decide which deliveries can definitely be demanded, and which, in view of Germany's economic position cannot be executed.

After declaring Germany was ready because of her concern as to future peace, to undertake to assist in the reconstruction of devastated regions, the statement made suggestions for the organization of a scheme by which those who suffered from the war could start life anew. When the work of reconstruction, rebuilding roads and restoring farms is completed the plan would permit people formerly resident in the affected regions to return to their homes, or people from other parts of the war zone could move to new regions. This colonization scheme would be operated on business, and not bureaucratic

WIFE MURDERER HAS MANY REASONS FOR ACT

CHICAGO, July 12.—A theory that Carl Wanderer who shot and killed his wife because of his interest in a 16 year old girl was being investigated today by the Police. Confronted with the girl in his cell, Wanderer for the first time since his arrest lost composure momentarily, but firmly denied the girl had had any influence on his desire to be free. In one of his statements to the Police Wanderer said he shot his wife to be free from the army and be free from the care of his wife and the baby they expected next month.

The girl, Julia Schmidt told the police she had known Wanderer some time and had gone to an amusement park with him several times, but did not know he was married, she was not held as police announced after questioning that they were convinced she had not knowledge of the murder plot which was carried out in the lobby of Wanderer's apartment June 21.

According to one of the latest of Wanderer's statements to the Police, he \$18,000 which his wife drew from the bank two days before she was shot was his own money. He had asked once before that he intended to steal the money and return to the army, but in the excitement following the shooting forgot about it.

His identification of the hired robber as John K. Maloney of River Point, N. I., was further supported today by John Well and clerk at a hotel where Maloney had stayed three days just before he was slain.

Two true bills charging Lieut. Carl Wanderer with the murder of his wife and the stranger whom he used as a dupe were voted today by a grand jury.

ELECTRIC LIGHT OFFICE MOVES

The Electric Light office moved into temporary quarters in 71 West Main street in the Flynn building, opposite the court house today. The office for the Electric Light Company and the Electric Light Board, and the Electric Light Commission, had been in the room in the old building on Main street. As soon as the repairs can be made the office will be returned to its former quarters.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM TRAIN

Concord, N. C., July 12.—Clad only in his underclothing, George King, a prisoner en route from New York to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., escaped from a Southern passenger train as it was leaving the station here early today. He had been locked with another prisoner in a drawing room on the train and is believed to have crawled through a window. He was seen by the negro train porter running towards a creek.

Miss Frances McDow, of Santuc, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McDow on South Church street.

lines and be run in such a way that undue profits could not be exacted from the people seeking homes.

If this plan should be accepted in principle, the statement said a conference should be held to consider its practical execution.

Help Boost Your Town

The Boosters who are on the trip to Manning will return to Union tomorrow, Tuesday, at 9:12 a. m. They will be accompanied by about 100 additional people, visitors from other states who are coming to attend Sardis Farm sale tomorrow. Dr. Payne is asking everybody who will do so, to meet the train tomorrow at 9:12 and escort the visitors to the Farm, four miles below Union. We join in the request of Dr. Payne. Any man who has the nerve that F. J. Parham has, a booster from his heart, should receive the support of all the citizens of this town. Send or bring your automobile to the train in the morning and help boost.

LOSES LIFE IN RIDE OVER NIAGARA FALLS

AGED NEGRO RELEASED; CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

Spartanburg, July 12.—The state supreme court in an order received here today, sets aside the verdict of guilty in the case of Will Kelly, an aged negro of Cowpens, this county, convicted of attempted assault upon a little white girl and sentenced to ten years imprisonment and orders the negro's release. The supreme court says there was no evidence upon which to base a conviction. In its order the court says:

"When a man is charged with evil thoughts ripened into actions, his fellow triers cannot rest judgment on their knowledge of criminal sin inherent in the prisoner, else none of us would escape judgment. The evil thought, which is the original intent, only becomes unlawful when he who harbors it proceeds to put it into action. The act of the defendant, testified to by the female child, does not tend to prove that when he puts his hand upon her he had a criminal intent. To so hold would hurt the law more than it would hurt the defendant. The judgment is reversed with direction to enter a verdict of not guilty."

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

W. D. Arthur received a wire yesterday from his son, Capt. Dogan Arthur, that has caused his loved ones and friends great alarm. The wire was sent from Sandersville, Ga., and says:

"Storm and darkness caused forced landing over here last night. Plane completely wrecked. Mac' badly hurt about neck and back, but doctors very encouraging. I am slightly bruised about face. Writing."

Capt. Arthur and his observer, Lieut. W. C. McCarron, were visiting in Union, several weeks ago and many people met the young lieutenant and remember his splendid physique.

Dogan for the moment gave me meagre details and more news is anxiously expected.

The Union folks are so proud of this young fellow and grieve to hear of any accident befalling him.

VAUGHAN-McHAFFEY

Mrs. Hattie Mahaffey, who is residing at 9 Mill street, Union, S. C., was married to Geddes L. Vaughn, of Union Route 1, July 10, 1920, at the home of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by Henri E. Brewington, Notary Public. These popular young people had with them only a few friends, but the good wishes of scores of friends are extended to them.

H. E. B.

BARBERS ON STRIKE

(By the Associated Press.)
Columbus, Ga., July 12.—Barbers went on strike here today in shops which refused to grant increase in price. They demand a guarantee of eighteen dollars out of the first \$25 gross receipts and 65 per cent of all additional receipts weekly. Several shops are entirely closed and over half the local union membership is out.

RECRUITING OFFICER TO VISIT UNION TUESDAY

The Navy Recruiting Officer from Spartanburg will visit Union, S. C., on Tuesday, July 13, to examine and enlist applicants for the U. S. Navy and also to give any information regarding the navy to anyone interested.

MRS. B. B. GOING IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. B. B. Going is in Steedley's Hospital in Spartanburg for treatment and her friends rejoice to hear of her improved condition.

ALLIED MINISTERS NOT IMPRESSED

SPA BELGIUM, July 12.—The allied ministers it appears are not very favorably impressed by the German reparations plan. It is understood that the German delegates have in reserve another plan or amendment, of much greater importance than the plan submitted yesterday. It seems even possible that the trouble over the coal question may result in the prolongation of the conference.

NIAGARA FALL N. Y., July 12.—

Rivermen were patrolling the Niagara gorge below the falls today in the hope of recovering the body of Charles G. Stephens of Bristol, England, who lost his life yesterday in an attempt to duplicate the feats of Mrs. Annie Edson Taylor, and Bobby Leach by going over the catract in a barrel.

Pieces of the barrel in which Stephens went to his death continued to float ashore in the eddy on the Canadian side above the Maid of the Mist landing until nearly midnight, but Stephens body failed to appear. Experienced rivermen said it might be several days before it was released from the cross currents at the foot of the falls.

The staves of the barrel bobbed up through the spume one by one and were picked up as they floated toward the shore. The head, with its sealing device, was intact. It was impossible to tell which part of the cask gave way first under the force of the 168 foot drop and the pounding of the water, but Bobby Leach whose experiences gave his opinion some weight, declared it was too light in all parts.

Leach warned Stephens before the start that he was doomed to failure but the Englishman was confident his cask was strong enough and refused to listen to Leach's advice. Leach saw the start, but appeared very nervous afterward and refused to go down into the gorge where the barrel was expected to reappear.

"A steel barrel is the only safe kind" said Leach. "If I can have one made by July 25, the anniversary of my last trip, I'll duplicate it."

One theory advanced to account for Stephens' failure is that the rampart of rocks at the foot of the falls blocked the passage, and against it the barrel was pounded to pieces. It might have ridden out if the water had been high as it was when Leach made his trip.

Erosion at the crest of the falls has been comparatively rapid in recent years, the horseshoe shape which gave the catract on the Canadian side its name being slowly changed until it now is more the form of a triangle with the apex a considerable distance above where the middle of the "Horseshoe" was.

This wearing-away process has caused huge slides of rock. No observations have been taken to determine their location at the base of the falls, but a similar process on the American side indicates that the tendency is to throw up a ridge of rock just below the curtain of the falls.

Stephens' barrel went over the side of the triangle nearest the curtain. Charles George Stephens, who was killed yesterday in going over Niagara Falls in a barrel was a barber extraordinary.

His hobby was performing spectacular stunts, for which he received three ribbons, five gold medals and six silver medals. His specialties included kissing the lion in its den, shaving customers in a lion's den, boxing in lion's den and parachute descents from a balloon.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONISTS ON GROUNDED STEAMER

TOLEDO, OHIO., July 12.—The passengers steamer State of Ohio with 500 men, and women and children Sunday excursionists aboard is aground in Maumee Bay. The vessel due here at 10:30 Sunday night from Put-in-Bay went aground on her return trip to Toledo last night. Several tugs have gone to the rescue. All passengers are reported safe.

TOLEDO OHIO, July 12.—After having been stuck in the mud in Maumee bay all during the night, the passenger steamer State of Ohio was released this morning and towed into Toledo.

LIGHTNING STRIKES SCHOOL HOUSE

Tampa, Fla., July 12.—Lightning struck the school house at Enville, about 40 miles north of here, as the people were assembling for church Sunday killing J. B. Norman and his 17 year old daughter and rendering 12 unconscious.

WILL RETURN WEDNESDAY

Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Berry and family will return Wednesday from a two months stay in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Berry has been studying at Johns Hopkins hospital, taking a special course of training.

They will be at home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown on South street.