

THREE KILLED; OUTLAWS TAKEN

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—A week of skirmishes between moonshiners and federal prohibition agents in the hills of Menifee county which resulted in the killing of three agents and one moonshiner and the wounding of another outlaw, was ended tonight.

A posse of 20 agents were returning from the hill country tonight with five prisoners. Robert Ballard, reputed leader of the outlaws, was shot to death this morning. Guy Cole, the third government man killed, fell in today's battle. Charles B. Sall, brother of today's battle, was wounded but escaped.

Members of the outlaw band captured by the posse were: Jeff Ballard, father, and Albert Ballard, brother of the slain leader, William Fongerson, Joseph Clem and Elwood Riffe.

The smashing of the "Ballard gang" by the federal men followed a week of hill country campaigning, marked by three spectacular gun battles.

The drawn out battle was inaugurated last Saturday when Agent R. F. Duff was shot to death while leading a party of raiders against a cave used by the outlaws for a still.

The following day a large posse of federal agents and deputy sheriffs went into the hills, but returned after David Treadway, deputized by the federal authorities, was slain by a bullet fired by a hidden rifleman.

The large posse was disbanded following Treadway's death and the federal operatives adopted "under cover" methods to locate their men.

This morning a picked force of 20 agents moved upon a cabin where the Ballards had taken up headquarters. The ensuing fight at the cabin was the last stand of the outlaws. Agent Cole fell before the fire of the defenders, but bullets from high powered rifles in the hands of the attacking party ripped through the walls of the cabin, killing the outlaw leader and wounding his brother.

Covering his retreat with his rifle, Charles Ballard was successful in eluding pursuit. Whether his wound was sufficiently serious to retard his flight from the immediate vicinity of

Coolidge Receives

A Challenge

Washington, Dec. 16.—Vice President Coolidge today received a protest and challenge against the election of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts at the election, sent by Conrad W. Crooker, attorney for John A. Nicholls, who has prohibition candidate against Lodge. He said he wasn't representing William A. Gaston, the defeated Democrat, the papers referred to senate privileges and elections committee. Apparently it will be pressed when the new congress convenes, for it cannot be taken up now.

Papers charge flagrant irregularities referring to Lodge as "minority winner" and saying he had been "reputed" and asked an immediate hearing. Crooker said the move was non partisan but was designed to unseat the man who has accomplished more harm as an obstructor of the world peace and natural expression of liberal thought than any man since Nero.

American Delegation

Plans a Protest

Lausanne, Dec. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Richard Washburn Child, head of the American delegation to the Near East conference, plans to protest against the Turkish proposal to expel the Greek patriarch from Constantinople at the afternoon meeting of the subcommission on minorities.

Polish President Assassinated

Warsaw, Dec. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Gabriel Narutowicz, the Polish president, was assassinated today while attending an art exhibition. There had been continuous disorders since his election on last Saturday. The disorders the day he was elected were unexpectedly by the national assembly led to four deaths. Narutowicz took his office Thursday. Maciez Rataj, speaker of the house, becomes acting president.

Cotton Seed Crushed

During November

Washington, Dec. 16.—Cotton seed crushed during the four months ending November 18th is 1,581,011 tons, so the Census Bureau announced today; 80,867,834 tons of seed are on hand at the mills. The crude oil produced is 478,890,540 tons. Refined oil 319,669,468 pounds.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Denson announce the birth of a son December 10th, to be called William Burns, Jr. In competition we have comparison.

INVESTIGATION MOVES SLOWLY

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Keller, the Republican, failed again today to appear before the house judiciary committee to give evidence under oath on information on which he based impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty. His attorney, Jackson Ralston, announced he advised his client that the committee had exceeded its authority and his appearance in response to the summons was unnecessary. Chairman Volstead said Speaker Gillette signed the subpoena committee, thus acting for the house, and said the committee could not report Keller for contempt.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Another surprise was furnished before the house judiciary committee today with the failure of Representative Keller (Republican) of Minnesota, to appear in response to a formal summons to give under oath the information on which he based his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty. Mr. Keller gave no explanation other than that contained in a letter from his counsel, Jackson H. Ralston, which stated that Mr. Ralston was unable to appear today because of imperative business engagements.

"Without submitting at this time to the jurisdiction of the committee with regard to the subpoena," the letter said, "I am expecting at your next meetings, tomorrow or later, to take such position before the committee which regard the subject as then may seem appropriate."

Arguing that this letter contained an "excuse" for the failure of Mr. Keller to respond to the summons, some committee members favored an immediate report to the house recommending that he be held before the bar there in contempt proceedings. Finally, however, the committee decided to hear his counsel tomorrow before charting its course.

Mr. Keller, who was present in the house during practically the entire session today, conferred late in the day with his counsel as to his future position, but no announcement was made concerning the conference. Earlier in the day some of his friends had urged that he should submit himself to the jurisdiction of the committee.

Members said the committee was without authority to take his attendance; that its only course in case of final refusal to respond to a summons would be to report back to the house. That body, they said, had all the authority of a court in holding a member in contempt and could enforce its rulings.

Irrespective of the action with regard to Mr. Keller individually, members were insistent that the hearing on the impeachment charges should continue. There were those who wanted to go today, but a majority was of the opinion that the further taking of testimony should be delayed until the question of whether Mr. Keller was to appear to furnish the information in his possession had been determined.

Chairman Volstead stated during the day that Representatives Woodruff of Michigan and Johnson of South Dakota, who have attacked Mr. Daugherty in the house on charges of failure to prosecute war fraud cases, might be summoned. Learning of this, Mr. Woodruff said he was glad the committee was taking cognizance of his charges.

The crowds at the committee meeting today far exceeded that at any other session. The big room was jammed, even to standing room, with an overflow outside the doors. There was lacking, however, the dramatic scene furnished late yesterday when Mr. Keller announced he would not proceed further with the presentation of the charges before this committee.

Warning

There is an outbreak of cholera among the hogs. Don't purchase meat from wagons at your door unless it bears the inspection label. Dr. Daverieux Turner, 1561-3t City Health Officer.

Union Girls Defeat Whitmire

Despite the rain yesterday the basket ball girls motored to Whitmire to return the game played on our court last Friday, December 8th.

Our girls played well considering the fact that they played on an indoor court whereas they had been accustomed to playing in the open. Though we didn't beat them 21 to 1 as we did last time we did nearly as well by defeating them 15 to 8.

Night School at Ottary

W. M. Hunt, principal of the Union high school is conducting a night school at Ottary and it is perhaps the largest night school in the state. Two evenings of the week are devoted to this work and Mr. Hunt is enthusiastic over the work accomplished and the interest shown.

REPUBLICAN TAKES DEMOCRAT'S PLACE

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Thomas W. Harrison (Democrat) of the Seventh Virginia district was ousted today from the house on the ground of irregularities in the 1920 election in his district.

After ousting Harrison by a vote of 202 to 100, the house seated John Paul, Republican contestant, who will serve until March 4.

In a parting shot at his Republican foes just before they ousted him late today from the house of representatives on the ground of election irregularities, Representative Thomas W. Harrison, Democrat of the Seventh Virginia district, charged that the life of the Republican party in his state was based on patronage, and then proceeded to read letters which he declared "proved incontrovertibly" that patronage had been sold there.

Amid the utmost confusion in the chamber, Mr. Harrison declared that Representative C. Bascom Slempp of the Ninth Virginia district, and Republican national committeeman, was the dispenser of all patronage. Then, holding aloft a handful of letters and cancelled checks, Mr. Harrison exclaimed:

"The people of the country do not altogether understand Virginia Republican politics. It is a pure matter of patronage, and a question of how they can feed at the public trough. Why, I have been hearing all over the district matters about the sale of patronage. I have been hearing that offices were sold for what money there was in it, and I have right here the incontrovertible proof that that is the condition we have been facing in Virginia."

"Mr. Harrison asserted that 'the head of this whole business is the distinguished member from the Ninth Virginia district.' 'He is the dispenser of all patronage,' he added. 'He is the man who has to give his indorsement to anybody that applies, not only in my own state but also I understand in other states.' 'I picked up a few checks—checks, gentlemen, by the bushel. They are indorsed, some of them by Mr. Slempp and some of them by Mr. Howard, as his secretary.'"

Mr. Slempp, interrupting, demanded the date and Mr. Harrison replied that they seemed to run over a year, from December, 1920, to January, 1922. The checks were not read into the record. Mr. Harrison said most of them were drawn to Mr. Slempp and Mr. Howard and signed by B. R. Powell, whom he later described, in answer to questions from the floor, as a patronage referee. Most of the amounts were under \$100, he said, and several went to the Republican national committee.

While he made no reply in the house, Mr. Slempp, in a statement tonight, said that neither Powell nor anybody else had been authorized to connect collection of money for the party organization with the promise of office, and if this had been done it was without his knowledge or approval.

The first of the letters read by Mr. Harrison purported to have been written by Mr. Slempp to Powell in answer to letters "in regard to the collection of money for postoffices." "One must be very careful about this," the letter said. "It will bring the party into disrepute, which would be bad for everyone. We must preserve our stand with the people and the administration."

It was on the heels of Mr. Harrison's speech, which Republicans described as an effort to attack Mr. Slempp, that the house shut off debate and voted, 202 to 100 to declare his seat vacant. With this done, it voted, 201 to 99 to seat John Paul, Republican contestant, who was immediately sworn in to serve until March 4. Mr. Harrison was elected in November and will return to his old seat in the new congress.

Today's Cotton Market

Table with 3 columns: Month, Open, Close. Rows: December, January, March, May, July, October, N. Y. Spots, Local market.

Notice

A special communication of Union Lodge No. 75, A. F. M., will be held in the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p. m. Monday, December 18th. The P. C. degree will be conferred. The class of Entered Apprentices are asked to report to the secretary at 8 o'clock.

By order of W. M. Wm. C. Lake, Secretary. 1562-2t

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jeter of Santee are visitors in Union today.

HARVEY COMES FOR CONSULTATION

London, Dec. 15 (By the Associated Press).—Ambassador Harvey has been called home for consultation, it was stated at the American embassy this afternoon.

He will sail on the Benaragia December 23. He will not be accompanied by Mrs. Harvey, who will leave the preceding day for a visit to Madeira.

In the absence of an official explanation, the impression gained currently that Mr. Harvey had been called to Washington in connection with the situation in regard to German reparations, now threatening a rupture between Great Britain and France.

The nature of the consultation for which the ambassador was summoned was not known at the embassy, where it was said the message calling him to Washington merely said it was "for a consultation." It is presumed the discussions with Secretary of State Hughes will cover the whole range of European affairs, including the allied debts, reparations and kindred subjects.

Washington, Dec. 15 (By the Associated Press).—Administration officials believe that American influence can be employed to help towards a solution of the German reparations problem. That feeling was telegraphed authoritatively today at the White House.

It was added, however, that no announcement now was possible or even imminent. Things that may be occurring behind the scenes, it was said, "can not be exhibited on the stage," at this time without prejudice here or abroad to the very cause the Washington government hopes to serve.

Such was the brief glimpse of official purpose made available at the close of a day filled with speculation as to what move the Washington government might be contemplating towards averting the threatened Anglo-French break over Germany's capacity to pay reparations.

The White House statement was made after a series of developments of obvious significance beginning with the official admission that Ambassador Harvey had been called to London for consultation. His departure was followed by a conference of considerable length between Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, the German ambassador, and Secretary Hughes, at which, it became known, the economic plight of Germany, already described in an American official address as one of collapse, was discussed with its application to the reparations tangle.

Music Club

The Euterpean Music club held a most interesting meeting with Mrs. John Morgan on Thursday afternoon. During the business session the club voted to join the National Federation of Music Clubs, and will probably send representatives to the state contest in Greenville. The club is also interested in the fact that the convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs will be held in Asheville in June. They also voted to present to the Carnegie Free Library a number of musical books.

The club will continue their chorus work and a committee will be appointed by the president to select and order new chorus for the club. Mrs. Lee Kennedy led the program for the afternoon. The first on the program was the story of "Elliland" and also a sketch of the life of Alexander Von Fleitz by Mrs. D. M. Eaves.

Following this Mrs. Kennedy sang a cycle of song, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hope. Mrs. Turner and Miss Fanny Duncan sang "The Venetian Regatta," which was enjoyed by all. The program was quite different from previous programs and quite interesting. The club showed their appreciation by their generous applause.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. P. K. Switzer served delicious sandwiches and tea. Reporter.

Monarch Mothers' Club Meets

The members of Monarch Mothers' club are requested to meet next Wednesday at 2 o'clock instead of Tuesday. This change is made in order to secure the services of Mrs. Dora Dee Walker, state food conservation specialist, Winthrop college. She will make Brunswick stew which is very popular in the South. Many club women are specializing in this particular line and they find ready sale for all they make. It is sold through the Home Producers association. Mrs. Walker will give instructions on spring gardening which will be very helpful and no housewife can afford to miss this meeting, however busy she may be.

Call Meetings

There will be a call meeting of the executive committee of the Gipsy Smith meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the rooms of the Young Men's Business League.

This is an important meeting and every member is urged to be present.

Great Deal of Flu

The "flu" is taking a very inopportune time to visit Union and from every section of the town comes news of several in nearly every family who are stricken with it.

The physicians say that it is a mild type and very few pneumonia cases follow but the people who have it say it is not so mild at all.

Plenty of fresh air, plenty of wholesome food, keep your feet dry and warm and don't let any one sneeze near you.

CALLS GOVERNORS TO WHITE HOUSE

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Governors of states now in annual conference here received a personal invitation from President Harding by long distance telephone tonight to be his guests at luncheon at the White House Monday with the view, it is understood, of discussing among other subjects prohibition.

The message was received by Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, who proceeded to communicate the invitation to the other governors and they at once took the matter under consideration.

Recently it was announced the president intended to call a conference of the governors of the states some time next month to discuss with them and administration officials the prohibition question and the invitation tonight was understood to be with the view of advancing the date of the meeting as most of the state executives were so close at hand.

It is doubtful, however, if all the governors here can accept the invitation because of previous engagements. Gov. John M. Parker of Louisiana, who discussed the prohibition question in a conference address yesterday and urged that the White House conference be held some time this month, said he had to leave for Louisiana at once. He expressed pleasure, however, that the president had seen fit to extend the invitation, reiterating that if the conference were to be held in January many of the governors would find it difficult to attend because of the sessions of their legislatures.

Late tonight it was understood that the following governors expected to attend the Monday conference: Kentucky, Alabama, Campbell of Arizona, Denney of Delaware, Davis of Idaho, McCray of Indiana, Allen of Kansas, Ritchie of Maryland, Preuse of Minnesota, Hyde of Missouri, McKelvie of Nebraska, Sproul of Pennsylvania and Trinkle of Virginia.

Union Official Has

Good Record

John W. Gregory Has Served as Deputy Clerk of Court Since 1901.

(Greenville News) John W. Gregory, deputy clerk of court of Union county, has a record that probably can not be equaled in the state in that he has held the position for almost 22 years. Mr. Gregory served under a number of different officials, including the present clerk of court, R. C. Williams, who assumed office about six years ago.

With the exception of one term spent in the legislature, in the early '90s, Mr. Gregory has never held any active office, although he has been active in every move for the betterment of his town and community. He has been a member of the Methodist church since a mere youth and for 32 consecutive years was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, at his home in Santuc, this county. He also served as a steward for many years.

Mr. Gregory was once offered the position of deputy collector of internal revenue, which carried with it a much larger salary than the position he then held. The offer was declined, however, and since the early day of 1901 Mr. Gregory has been "on the job" as deputy clerk of court in the Union court house.

Mr. Gregory is 71 years of age and is the father of ten children, the youngest of whom is 24 years of age, and the eldest 44. For 25 years he served as a trustee of one of the schools in this county. In addition to his duties as assistant clerk Mr. Gregory is secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance company, which has nearly 1,000,000 of insurance in force in Union and Spartanburg counties.

Work is Mr. Gregory's "hobby" and the manner in which he has preserved his youth and health, looking ten years younger than he really is, would indicate this plan pays big dividends.

Christmas Pageant

On Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, there will be a Christmas pageant given at the high school building and the patrons of the school and all those interested are invited to witness it. No admission will be charged for this beautiful entertainment.

Hot Supper

There will be a hot supper and interesting contest at Elford Grove school house Wednesday night, December 20th. The public is cordially invited.

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CROP VALUES SOAR HIGHER

Washington, Dec. 15 (By the Associated Press).—The nation's crops this year are worth \$7,572,890,000, based on their farm value as of December 1, the department of agriculture announced today in its final crop report of the year.

Their value is \$1,842,978,000 more than last year's crops, reflecting improvement in prices for farm products prevailing now as compared with a year ago and increased production in some crops. This year's farm production is worth about the same as that of 1916 but is lower than 1920 by any year since 1915, except last year.

It is only a little more than half as much as the record value year of 1919. Record production was made this year in rye, white potatoes, sweet potatoes and hay. Other bumper crops this year were rice, the third largest production; tobacco, with the fourth largest crop in history; wheat with the fifth largest production, and corn with its seventh largest crop. Cotton this year is the fourth most valuable crop of that staple ever grown, although a small crop in point of production.

Corn, as usual, is the country's most valuable crop being worth this year \$700,000,000 more than last year with a total value of \$1,900,287,000. Cotton stands second with \$1,368,517,000, the lint being valued at \$1,190,761,000 and the cotton seed, \$177,756,000. Hay is the third most valuable crop with a total of \$1,331,679,000. No other crop reached a billion dollars in value this year. Wheat was valued at \$864,000, standing as fourth most valuable crop of the country.

In today's final estimates, based on revision to conform with the census bureau's decennial crop production statistics the preliminary estimates of production announced last month were somewhat changed. There was a reduction in the corn crop of about 6,000,000 bushels. Increases were shown for other crops, including: Winter wheat, 45,000,000 bushels; spring wheat, 1,700,000 bushels; oats, 14,278,000 bushels; rye, 15,874,000 bushels; buckwheat, 1,497,000 bushels; rice, 2,806,000 bushels; potatoes, 17,280,000 bushels, and hay, 4,055,000 tons.

Forty-Three Persons

Indicted by Grand Jury

Omaha, Nebraska, Dec. 16.—Forty-three persons have been indicted here by the federal grand jury charged with misusing the mails as a result of an inquiry into the wrecking of the Lion and Surety company. It includes 25 well known Nebraska bankers and Chicago and Omaha business men. Joseph Troggett, head of the New York auditing firm, and Edwin Gurney, of Fremont, Nebraska, president of the defunct company, is among the indicted.

Kansas Governor

Denounces Ku Klux

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Kansas will expel the Ku Klux Klan by refusing them the right to do business with the state, so Governor Henry J. Allen told the conference of governors here today. The action is now before the state supreme court, and Governor Allen denounced the Klan as a destroyer of good will and teacher of bigotry. He denounced the use of the mask.

Santa Claus Club

Miss Coye Davis, a sweet little girl, is going to play Santa Claus this year and brought a splendid cloak to the club for the little girl we mentioned yesterday, and said she wanted to help make somebody happy this Christmas.

Miss Kathryn Purcell donated a lovely doll and Miss Kathryn Wagner, a coat.

The Junior Christian Endeavor made a contribution of \$2.00 and intend to send baskets of goodies to several people besides.

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WITNESSES TELL OF ATROCITIES

Marion, Ill., Dec. 15 (By the Associated Press).—The attack on the Herrin "strip" mine, the death march through the town with the captives and the hunting down of a few fugitives, were described today by witnesses at the trial of five men held in connection with the killings.

All but one of the defendants were named as having been seen with a gun during the progress of the rioting but all the witnesses, so far heard, have declared they could not identify any persons they had seen in the act of shooting at the victims.

In arguments between opposing counsel regarding the exclusion of a portion of the testimony to which the defense objected, Judge D. T. Hartwell, ruling in favor of the prosecution said, "I want the whole thing to come out and I do not want to exclude any testimony on a mere technicality."

The defendants who have been named as carrying guns during the rioting are Otis Clark, Bert Grace, Joseph Caranghi and Levi Mann. The name of Peter Hiller, the fifth defendant, has not yet appeared in any of the testimony.

Donald M. Ewing, a Chicago newspaper man, who wrote the first account of the killings for the Associated Press, picked out Grace from among the defendants as a man who had threatened him with a gun when he attempted to bring a drink of water to two injured men who were lying on a sun baked road surrounded by a crowd of armed men past outside of Herrin.

The witness said there were six dead or wounded men lying in the road, all of them bound together by a single rope tied about their necks.

"Grace put his foot on one of the wounded men and pushed," the witness declared, and quoted the defendant as saying with a curse: "You'll get no water here."

Another witness, Henry Graves, a mine pump man, said he had seen a group of armed men pursuing two fugitives through the field near his house.

"I heard the sound of shots," he testified, "and could see the bullets kicking up the dust about the fleeing men."

Shortly afterward, he said, a wounded man had taken refuge on his rear porch, but two men who said they were "officers" came and took him away.

Fred Harrison, a student at the University of Illinois, testified he had seen Bert Grace near his father's farm on the outskirts of Herrin the morning of the riots.

Young Harrison said he had taken a walk to a nearby clump of woods, where he found four bodies, one of them hanging from a tree.

William Goodman, a farmer, testified that he had been near the "strip" mine where the riot started and had seen several hundred men coming from the mine with 30 or 40 prisoners. He estimated the crowd about the mine at 1,500 persons.

At the close of the afternoon session Judge Hartwell announced an adjournment of court over Saturday and Sunday.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Dewey McDaniel of North Mountain street has returned home after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Tracy, on Route No. 5.

Dr. James M. Farr, of Gainesville, Fla., is spending a few days with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. F. M. Farr. Dr. Farr is returning from the educational conference in Greenville.

Harold James, of Staunton, Va., is here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. James.

Mrs. J. E. Coniff (Louise May) of St. Matthews, was visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Humphries, yesterday. Miss Frances Wayland of Norfolk, Va., will spend a portion of the Christmas holidays with college friends in Union.

Alston Moore, of the University of Virginia, will arrive next Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Moore. "Bam" is completing his second year in law at the university and will soon be ready to hang out his shingle.

Maurice Moore, Jr., of Sewanee University, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Moore, on South street.

Cothran Hears Plea

Greenville, Dec. 15.—B. B. Evans, lawyer of Columbia, appeared before T. P. Cothran, associate justice of the supreme court, today and moved for a stay of execution in the case of Ira Harrison, under death sentence for the murder of J. C. Arnette.

Justice Cothran took the matter under advisement and has not announced his decision. The motion for a stay of execution was made on the grounds that an appeal has been taken from the decision of Judge Mauldin in refusing to appoint a board to inquire into Harrison's sanity.