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# JEFFORDS PAYS WITH HIS LIFE

Columbia, Dec. 22.-Frank M. Jeffords was electrocuted at the state prison here today for the murder last, was arested yesterday, on the charge May of his business partner, J. C. Ar- of having set fire to his residence in nette. The current was turned on at Gaffney some days ago. F. L. Baker, 10:20. He was dead four minutes who lives next door to the residence later. One application was made. of Mr. Holmes, was awakened in the

the disposition of his personal belong- crashing glass. He soon discovered ings. He entered the death chamber that the house was on fire, and with a firm tread and greeted the wit- promptly turned in the slarm. When nesses with "Good morning, gentlemen," then calmly took his place in one at home, and the house was sethe chair, the straps were adjusted curely fastened. They effected en-and Superintendent Sanders asked trance through the roof, and discov-Jeffords if he had anything to say, ered a line of bed coverings extend-"The only thing I want to say," said ing from the room over that in which Jeffords, "is, may all in here and out- the fire originated, to an attic. The side see an example in this. I have side see an example in this. I have bed coverings according to the state-made my peace with God and am ments of the firemen, were thoroughrendy to go. I want to say a little ly saturated with gasoline, and in dispatches from Tucson. prayer, too," then he repeated the the attic were found a quantity of 23rd Psalm, adding to the Biblical old papers and refuse which had been text, the word amend. As he ended, the current was applied. His brother and brother-in-law visited him prior to the execution.

Columbia, Dec. 21.-Frank M. Jeffords, one of the three convicted murderers of John C. Arnette, partner of Jeffords, in the automobile filling station business will be electrocuted tomorrow at the state penitentiary here between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., there being nothing now to interfere with the execution of the court's sentence, a last minute appeal to Governor Harvey yesterday bringing no results.

Jeffords refused to make a statement to newspaper men today except to declare, "I am ready to meet my early supper and retired early.

Columbia, Dec. 21.-Governor Harvey today reprieved Ira Harrison, under sentence of death for the murder of John C. Arnette here last May, until February 16. The chief executive, in a statement, declared his move was to prevent an endless chain of appeals further delaying the execution of Harrison, until the supreme court disposes of the appeal now pending, which acted as a stay of execution on

g of the time until the tence of the court is carried out, Governor Harvey's statement declared the oction was taken because the chief executive is charged with the "sole responsibility of seeing that the verdicts of the courts are carried out."

Harrison, together with Frank M. Jeffords, condemned to die in the electric chair tomorrow and Glenn Treece were tried jointly and found guilty Sceptically Inclined" by A. G. Ken-Jeffords' partner in a gasoline fillin gstation, at which Treece and Harrison were employed. Treece was given a sentence of life imprisonment, upon a recommendation of mercy by the jury, while Harrison and Jeffords were sentenced to be executed in the state penitentiary on June 15.

The execution was stayed by appeals taken on behalf of both Harrison and Jeffords. The case was argued before the supreme court and last fall, the supreme court of the state dismissed both appeals as being without merit, ordering that the prisopers be taken back to the circuit court for resentencing. The two were taken before Judge T. J. Mauldin in Columbia on November 22, and December 22 was set by the judge as the day of execution.

Bernard B. Evans, attorney for Harrison, asked for a delay until his client could be examined by a board to determine his sanity. Harrison was taken into the court room at the time in an apparent coma and the death sentence was passed while he was lying prone on a desk. The court refused to inquire into the defendant's sanity after three physicians had tes-

tified that the coma was feigned. An appeal from this ruling of Judge Mauldin saved Harrison from being executed tomorrow.

Jeffords received his sentence without making any motion through his attorney, although his case was later taken to the United States supreme court, which declined to review it. An appeal to the governor, his last hope, failed. Tonight there was nothing to indicate that the chief executive would postpone the execution of Jeffords.

### Captain Ordered to Mobilize Guardsmen

Monroe, La., Dec. 22.-Lieutenant Louis Hayden today received a message from Captain Cooper at Mer Rouge ordering him to mobilize 40 Guardsmen and rush them to the Morehouse parish to reinforce the troops on duty there.

Mrs. T. A. Littlejohn of Jonesville, wil have as her guests for the holidays, her mother and sisters, Mrs. Fannie Lassetter and Miss Bess Lassetter of Luthersville, Ga., Mrs. E. B.

### CHARGE OF ARSON TO GAFFNEY MAN

Gaffney, Dec. 21. - Perry E Holmes, well known Gaffney citizen, Jeffords made a few requests about very early hours of the morning by the firemen arrived they found no saturated with the same fluid. Going down stairs they found two buckets filled with gasoline, and in a closet they found a quantity of disused clothing and waste which was literally dosed with gaseline. Mr. Lowe, who prosecuted Mr. Holmes, says that his investigations disclosed that this is the seventh fire which Mr. Holmes has had within the past eight years, and the members of the fire de. partment say that they have answered three alarms from Mr. Holmes' residence within the past nine months.

After being arrested Mr. Holmes employed Butler and Hall to represent him, and in a short time they secured an order for bail, and the accused man is now at liberty. A Everything is all right with preliminary examination will be held The condemned man ate an at an early day when the testimony for the state will be taken.

Mr. Holmes has numbers of friends in Gaffney, who believe in his innocence, as they say they cannot conceive of his deliberately placing in jeopardy the lives of his near neighbors in order to get money.

# Program for Union County

10:00 as in Song and praise serve studio of Miss Nell Curies, cale for Police Alderson

10:30 a. m.-Laymen's work and organized men's classes. Discussion opened by Rev. J. E. Meng. 11:00 a. m .- 'Paying Our Vows,"

sermon by Rev. L. M. Rice. 12:00 m.-Recess for dinner. 1:00 p. m.—Praise service. 1:30 p. m.-"A Message to the

nedv. Esa. 2:00 p. m .- "The Best Way to Fi-

by J. K. Hamblin, Esq. All of the churches are requested to send full delegations. 1567-2t.

# **Entire National**

Guard on Duty

Mer Rogue, Dec. 22.-The entire National Guard company on duty here while the lakes surrounding the city are being dragged for the bodies of the two men kidnaped last August are ordered to Cooper Lake today. The guards stationed there discovered several men moving about in the shallow water and fired upon them. The men ascaped from the detachment of roops who have been guarding the divers who are searching the bottom of the lake.

The troops returned here later. Captain Cooper announced that the men fired on by guards disappeared. The investigation after daylight failed to throw further light of the visit to the lake. The theory advanced is that they were trying to remove the bodies of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards who were kidnaped in last August.

### Official Denial Made

Berlin, Dec. 22 (By the Associated Press).-Official denial was made here today that Chancellor Cuno or any other government official had suggested that American commission investigate the German economic condition.

# Santa Claus Work

Forest Camp, No. 36, W. O. W., i playing Santa Claus this year and made so many people happy. The camp sent the Santa Claus club a generous check and also gave the Salvation Army one for their fund.

This was very handsome in Camp No. 36 and both organizations are With a warm blanket and a pillow very grateful.

### Falling Walls Injure Firemen

New York, Dec. 22.- Deputy Chief John F. O'Hara and 12 firemen were injured today by falling wals while fighting fire in a Brooklyn factory. Bullard and son, Howard, of Machen, Fifty families were driven from their nearby homes.

## BODIES MAY BE MISSING AIRMEN

Nogales, Aris., Dec. 21.-Colonel A. J. McNab, in command of opera toins in the Nogales sector in the search for Colonel Francis C. Mar-sive man hunt for four men-shall and Lieutenant C. L. Webber, automobile suspected of bell missing army aviators, said tonight bandits who Monday me he had been unable to secure any definite information concerning the reported discovery of the aviators' bodies on the Papalo Indain reservation, 75 miles west of Tucson.

San Francisco, Dec. 21 .- The charred bodies of the missing aviators, Col. Francis N. Marshall and Lieut. Col. Francia N. Marshall and Leout to Sheriff Hall of Greeley that the Panalo Indian reservation about encountered four heavily arms 75 miles west of Tucson, Aris., the Southern Pacific railroad officials property. here were advised this afternoon in

A cowboy, the advices stated, came upon the bodies near what is known as Indian Oasis. The bodies lay in the wreckage of the fliers' airplane. It is not known whether Col. Marshall and Lieutenant Webber were killed when they crashed to earth or burned to death afterward.

The message to the Southern Pacific said: "Some cowboy found those two aviators near Indian Oasis. Both was dispatched from the Denver apparently were burned to death. quarters. Later in the day Sheri Papalo reservation. No railroad he had arrived at the ranch had there. It is on a wagon track. Sup- that the men had left. Later pose airplane fell to ground and aviators burned to death."

Saturday morning five airplanes started an intensive search for the asked for a pan of water missing airmen. They were joined cotton, explaining that he had a later by 15 more airplanes. The in his car who had been hurt planes carrier emergency rations and Downer said she gave the water containers so they could be of water and a roll of gauze, dropped at any point on the desert if took back to the car. A few a the lost officers were sighted and a leter she said the car sped a landing was impossible.

The starch was conducted on a arger scale than any other similar one in the car threw the operation conducted by the army air service.

### Hastock Schools

Close for Christmas

The Hastoc schools for boys and cliced yesterday morning for Christman holidays. Both will

brating the closing of school for the holidays. The room was filled with Denver bandits to by Kille pupils and guests.

The Christmas carols, "Silent

Night" and "Joy to the World," were sung. A freak quadrille, for which Miss Lena Bailey played an old dance tune on the violin, was given by eight girls, dressed backwards with hair in the country. combed over their faces and masks at the back of their heads. They gave seven or eight figures of an oldnance the Church." Discussion opened fashioned square dance. Miss Margaret Wingo gave a monoluogue, 'Mrs. Fidgety on a Street Car."

The president of the senior class, Miss Nancy Mathewes, presented gifts to Hugh T. Shockley, rpesident of the schools, and to B. L. Blackwell, president of the school for girls. Mr. Blackwell made a brief speech of acceptance.

The exercises closed with the singing of "Alma Mater" and distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree.—Spartanburg Herald.

### Letter of Appreciation

Mr. Charles F. Allen, who is with N J., wrote a charming letter to the ushers and the choir of the Gipsy Smith campaign, thanking them for the beautiful silver gifts to Mr. Allen and expressed great appreciation of their kindness and thoughtfulness to him during his stay here.

### Mr. Allen Called Home

Mr. Charles F. Allen, who is with Gipsy Smith in Hattlesburg, Miss., was called to his home in Cedar Brook, N. J., on account of the critical illness of his father.

# Christmas Jinsles

(Written by Cecil Calvert Wilson, 5th Grade, Clifford School)

Santa Claus is coming, to fill the stockings full, Bring us some toys and wagon to pull, Make some poor boy happy

With a present nice and neat And a brand new pair of shoes to pr on his feet. It was half past nine when we heard

our mother say, "I hear the bells tinkling on Santa's sleigh." Then there was a scramble to get off

to bed. for our head.

Bring Mr. Rice, editor of The Times, Everything sweet for the Christmas chimes.

Cortez Godshall, of Cedar Springs Institute, will arrive this afternoon to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Godshall on East 579 wed women at the same age as

# POLICE JOIN HUN FOR BANK ROBB

Denver, Colo., Dec. 21.—Police other peace officers of north rade tonight are engaged in an and killed Charles T. Linton, reserve bank guard, during fight in front of the mint h which they stole \$200,000 in ea ana escaped.

The hunt started this a when Henry Fuque, a farmer about 20 miles east of Greeker and 50 miles north of here, in an abandoned house on his

lice department, asking for a The sheriff, six deputies and ranger left for the farm house. the Denver police departme ored riot car equipped with a guns and two automobile los cers and detectives armed with off shotguns left for Greeley in the nursuit.

A third automobile carrying hundred rounds of ammus Gus Downer, residing just out Greeley, reported that about wards Fort Collins. She dec

the car went by the house. The cars of Denver police a bilized in Greeley awaiting word from officers in the vicini the direction to which turned.

car had the curtains drawn

Denver, Colo. Dec. Aton has re-graphs of the finger when Angora that the bloody shotgung are to be made at masker handit in Ma souther questions made at

C. He requested to perpetrated a \$75,000 is ifting Engine recently. Copies of the

found on the gun and 22. Herbert doned automobile beli bandits were sent to every large city

The list of bond buyers up to time of going to press, is published below, and the place where the Christmas seals are on sale:

Emslie Nichelson, C. C. Sanders, F. H. Garner, H. L. Gaffney-\$10.00 kales; 24,613 bales of American Egypbonds; C. C. Cooper, \$5.00 bond; 9th grade boys, Miss Kathrin Layton, teacher, \$5.00 bond; 8th grade girls, Mrs. Malpheur, teacher, \$5.00 bond; were 7,790,656 running bales, includ-10th grade, Mrs. M. W. Mixson, according 122,649 round bales, counted as

er. \$5.00. W. S. Nicholson, \$5.00; L. M. Jordan, \$5.00; Farmers Bank & Trust Co., \$10.00: Mullinax-Faucett Clo. Co., \$5.00; I. From, \$1.00 seals

All other grades at the high school, \$14.23; grammar school, \$40.16; Macbeth school, \$10.39; Bradley-Estes Co. \$1.00 of seals. W. M. Hunt, who has charge of the

campaign, wishes to announce that the seals are on sale at the booths in the postoffice.

### Famous Norte Dame Church Destroyed by

Quebec, Canada, Dec. 22.-Fire be lieved starting from short circuited electric wire destroyed the famous Notre Dame church here. The church vas established in 1647.

The fire is believed to be incendiary, so the chief of police said later. The loss is \$1,000,000.

### Family Feud in W. Va.

Steubenville, Ohio, Dec. 22.-Roy edson was killed and his brother, William, severely wounded as a result of a faud battle between the Ledson and Pearson families today near pistol to put up his hands just when Weirton, West Virginia. James Pear- Frank Burns, a mechanic, who was to son is being sought by the state po- install locks in the store doors, arlice charged with the murder.

### Death of Mrs. Plowden

Mrs. P. B. Barnes received a message this morning that her friend, Mrs. Lizzie Plowden, of Greenville, dled suddenly this morning at 10

Mrs. Plowden frequently visited here and death breaks's friendship on earth that has lasted from child-

Of every thousand men who marry

# BORAH SUGGESTS **NEW CONFERENCE**

Washington, Dec. 21.-Extensive discussion of international affairs is expected to develop in the senate as result of a proposal today by Senator Borah (Republican( of Idaho for an international conference to consider economic, financial and business problems, including German reparations, as well as reductions of land, sea and aerial armaments.

Senator Borah offered his plan as an amendment to the \$330,000 naval appropriatoin bill, which was reported to the senate today for preliminary consideration tomorrow. He proposed that the president be asked to call an economic and disarmament conference instead of a conference merely to deal with limitation of naval vessels under 10,000 tons and military and naval aircraft, as provided in the bill as passed by the house.

In offering his amendment as substitute for the house provision, Senator Borah declared world economic conditions required immediate action, and he proposed that President Harding be "authorized and requested" to invite such governments o send representatives to the conference as he should deem "necessary and expedient" with the object of arriving at "understandings or arrangements" looking "to the restoration of trade and establishment of sound financial and business conditions."

With reference to armaments, the Borah amendment includes the house bill's provisions as to naval vessels under 10,000 tons and aircraft, with its provisions for consideration of and and sea armaments.

Senate leaders do not expect the Borah proposal, nor the house provision, to be reached during tomor row's consideration of the bill. These and an amendment by Senator King (Democrat) of Utah calling for a lanr and sea disarmament conference which is pending, are expected to go over until after the Christmas holi-

Senator Borah's amendment caused surprise, especially in view ong position in the past in wi to American participation for an problems, He was one problems affecting Ameri-

> Low- in reparations, he said, were to the European situation," and he thought his proposed conference might "break the deadlock on that subject."

### Heavy Ginnings

Washington, Dec. 20 .- Cotton ginned prior to December 13 amounted 161,698 round bales, counted as half tian and 5,255 bales of sea island, the census bureau announced today.

To December 13 last year ginnings half bales; 25,827 bales of American-Egyptian and 3,062 bales of sea is-

Ginnings this year to December 13 by states follow: Alabama ........

ì	Arizona	31,46
	Arkansas	990,16
	California	
	F'lorida	
	Georgia	
	Louisiana	
	Mississippi	
	Missouri	
	North Carolina	
	Okiahoma	626,17
1	South Carolina	502,59
	Tennessee	373.06
:	Texas	3.065.07
4	Viveinia	24.97
8	All other states	15.18
1	Virginia	

### Man Chooses Death In Preference to Jail

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 21 .- With

24 hours in which to raise \$24 alimony or go to jail, Louis La Sasso attempted to hold up a grocery store here today and, when trapped, killed himself. La Sasso entered the store and ordered the manager at the point of a rived and gave the alarm. A large crowd gathered and La Sasso fled into a blind passageway in the rear of the store. Finding himself trapped, he turned the pistol upon himself.

A letter found by police in La Sas so's pocket, showed he had been separated from his wife and had been given a day in which to raise \$24 to give her or be sent to jail.

According to an old superstitition he first to cry at a wedding will be the next to marry.

Mrs. J. M. Harrison of Coleraine was a visitor to Union today.

### DIVERS TRYING TO FIND BODIES

Batron Rouge, La., Dec. 22.-Governor Parker received message from Mer Rouge today saying two bodies. believed to be those of Daniels and Richards, had been found.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 22.-Bodies ound in Lake LanFaurche, believed to be those of the men kidnapped by masked men in August, had limbs tied with wire, according to Journal's special correspondent. They came to the surface as a result of a big charge of dynamite exploded last night by unidentified persons. Only belts and portion of trousers remain. One man's nead is gone. It is believed the slayers tried to destroy the bodies.

Mer Rogue, La., Dec. 21.-Bivouaced tonight on the shores of Mer Rouge parish lakes, a company of Louisiana national guard faced the prospect of spending the Christmas olidays dragging the water and affording protection to professional divrs, in an effort to recover the bodies of two prominent citizens of Mer Rouge who were believed to have been murdered by masked and white obed men of three states.

Two days of effort on the part of military and some 75 men and boys of the parish have been fruitless. Unsuccessful in the efforts to recover the bodies in Lakes Cooper and Lafourche the search wili be extended to other lakes in the vicinity.

"We will drag every lake in the parish until we find them," Captain W. W. Cooper, commanding officer of he company, declared today.

Machine guns were planted at strategic points on the lake shores late today as a precaution against the possibility of sniping on the part of those aligned with the mob that swooped down upon five Mer Rouge citizens last August while they were returning home from a celebration and carried them off to a punishment ground where they were severely han dled. Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards have been missing since that

That the slaying of the two men it clear that he believed ac- which was heard by Richards and shot at the Herrin cemetery needed to solve pressing 1 oth men were slain in the fight that took place. ensued, according to a story credited wheels and thrown into one of the be impeached and evidence introduced

earby lakes. months, are said to know the iden To December 13 tity of many members of the mob and with the recovery of the bodies which will establish that a murder had been committed wholesale arrests will folto 9,493,296 running bales, including low and a court will be established at Bastrop parish seat where open hearings, under direction of Governor Parker and other state officiads, will be begun.

Soundings by professional divers a Lafourche today where investigators ad charted the most probable loca tion of the bodies, revealed the fact that the depth of the lake makes successful operations there almost impossible

A plan to drainC coper lake of its water also was abandoned late today and instead soldiers and parish citzens waded through the shallow waters, but without result.

### . . . . . . . . WITH THE SICK

Mrs. Vassey Howard and little daughter are confined to their home on N. Mountain street with flu.

Mrs. Ben Faucette is quite sick with flu at her home on N. Pinckney street. Little James Switzer, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Switzer, has sheriff believes it may be identified been ill with pneumonia, but is much improved today.

Mrs. Dan Mullinax is confined to her home on Douglass Heights with met with foul play, as a rib was found a slight attack of flu.

Miss Lizzie Gregory is sick with flu at her home on South street. Mrs. L. B. Godshall is recovering from a recent attack of flu.

Forrest Godshall is quite sick with u at his home on East Main street. Miss Demarys Spears, daughter of Mc. and Mrs. J. T. Spears, is sick with flu at her home on East Main street.

### PERSONAL MENTION

M. Russell Jeter of Santuc was business visitor in Union today.

Mr. L. J. Browning is spending some time in Asheville at the Sunset Heights Sanitorium, where he has gone to recuperate after a severe illness. The many friends of Mr. Browning hope for his speedy recovery.

Trig Tinsley is conducting an auction sale in Rock Hill for the Rock their lives.

# CASE PRESENTED IN MINE RIOTS

Marion, Ill., Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).-After eight days spent in the introduction of evidence, the prosecution rested today at the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the slaying of 20 non-union miners during the Herriots last June. The defense will open tomorrow morning.

In the testimony of its last few witnesses, the state completed its relations of the events from the time three mine guards were shot while driving a truck from Carbondale to the Lester mine on the morning of June 21, to the attack on the mine that afternoon when three union miners were killed, the surrender under a white flag the next morning of 48 men in the pit and the slaying of 20 of the prisoners.

All five defendants hav e been pointed out in court as having been seen with guns during the riots and several of them have been named as having shot down some of the victims. During the course of the presentation of the state's case, four of the survivors of the tragedy have taken the stand and described the scenes of horror which they said acompanied the killings.

The cross examinations by the deense have been brief and apparent. ly designed to bear out its contention that the non-union men in the mine and their employers had incited the riots for the purpose of having state troops called out to protect the pits; that the guards in the mine were armed, and that they disregarded warnings that the operation of the nine would result in outbreaks.

In their cross-examination attorneys for the defense repeatedly referred to the non-union workers in the mine and the guards as "scabs." "gunmen," "private detectives" and 'spies."

A. W. Kerr, chief counsel for the

defense, sadi he expected to prove that the "guards or gunmen" were the aggressors in the riots and brought on any attack that was made upon them by their acts of provocawas not premeditated is conceded by tion and challenge. He made special all interested. Young Doniels re- reference to the testimony of Donald sented the mercilens flogging admin- M. Ewing, Chicago newspaper man, stered his 70-year-old father and tore and it is said that the defense would he mask off one of the men and, rec. prove that the incident he related of

Mr. Kerr also stated that the teso members of their families. The timony of Dr. Shipman, who testified bodies then were believed to have as an eve-witness of the death march been weighed down with wagon from Herrin to the cemetery, would to show that Dr. Shipman was not Department of justice men, after there at all. He added that other working on the case for many witnesses who would testify that the fort to disprove tes

ther of the state's witnesses. He further said that the defense would put on the stand hundreds of witnesses who would testify that the defendants now on trial had no possible connection witht the killings charged.

# Believe Skeleton

That of Officer

Orlando, Fla., Dec. 21.—Belief that skeleton found in a swamp 24 miles vest of Orlando this morning by three bunters is that of a former army officer was expressed tonight by Francis harel, sheriff of Orange county.

Sheriff Karel said that the body had evidently been in the swamp at least year. The only mark of identification found was a collar button in which the initial "B" was carved. Boots, such as are worn by cavalry officers and an officer's cap yere found

near the skeleton. The sheriff brought the skull to this city in the belief that he may be able to identify the victim through teeth found. There were two gold teeth evidences of bridge work on others and several fillings. If the skeleton is that of an army officer, the

through the war department. The sheriff also advanced the theory that the officer may have broken and the clothing had apparently been stripped of insignia.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

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Januai	·v	,									25.88
March	ď						·			26.15	26.18
May .										26.27	26.30
July .			٠			è				26.00	26.10
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Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hames and little daughter, Katherine, will leave Sunday morning for High Point, N. C., to spend the holidays with rela-

E. B. Cureton, of Atlanta Ga., will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with his family at the home Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McDow.

Wages lost to Indiana coal miners Hill Jewelry company and the people during the recent general strike of that city are having the time of amounted to approximately \$16,000,-