

LAKE YIELDS UP ITS DEAD

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Machine gun company D, 156th Infantry, Louisiana national guard, was ordered into active service tonight by Adjutant General Tomba and will entrain at 7:30 tonight. The destination is reported to be Bastrop, parish seat of Morehouse. Attorney General A. V. Cocco will accompany the troops.

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 22.—Bodies of two men blown from the bottom of Lake Lacharpe early today by unidentified dynamite were lying at an undertaking establishment here tonight while military men stood guard pending the arrival of additional troops from Alexandria and New Orleans, ordered here today by the adjutant general.

The bodies, badly mutilated and bound with wire were believed by the authorities to be those of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, members of a party of five prominent Mer Rouge citizens who were kidnapped last August by white robed and hooded men and who have been missing since and the object of three days' raking of the lakes of Morehouse parish by national guardsmen, federal agents and professional divers.

Authorities here state they are satisfied the bodies were the ones sought. Relatives and close friends of the missing men viewed the bodies during the day and tonight, and it was reported, by bits of clothing, the men were recognized. The coroner announced tonight that an inquest would be held over the bodies, probably tomorrow. The arrival of the attorney general of the state and prominent pathologists of New Orleans is awaited.

It was not known tonight whether the inquest would be held here or at Bastrop, the parish seat.

In the absence of official information, the next move on the part of the state was not known here but it was the consensus of opinion the inquest would be followed by the arrest of at least twenty persons, alleged ring leaders of the August mob. The names of these men will be presented to the military or civil authorities by the Department of Justice agents who for four months have been conducting secret investigations. It was stated here.

Mer Rouge citizens expressed themselves tonight as believing martial law will be declared here and the arrests made by troops.

Everything was quiet and peaceful on the surface here tonight, but those informed are authority for statements that there is an underlying feeling of bitterness.

With the arrival of additional state troops tomorrow, the strength in the parish will be more than 200 men. The troops have a large complement of machine guns.

It is generally believed open hearings will be instituted following the anticipated arrests.

All persons will be free to come into this court of justice, under the Louisiana laws and tell what they know of the case.

Prominent persons in Mississippi and Arkansas as well as Louisiana are believed by the state as having been members of the hooded mob. Arrest in all three states are anticipated.

Postoffice Open Xmas Day

The postoffice will be open for the delivery of packages Christmas day from 9 to 12 o'clock for the accommodation of the patrons of the office. Mrs. Mae C. Peake, Postmistress.

Rev. Boyd Very Ill

Rev. C. W. Boyd is very ill in the Charlotte Sanitarium and grave concern is felt by the loved ones for his recovery.

Rev. Mr. Boyd is a brother of Mrs. C. R. Robertson and she and her daughter, Miss Carol Robertson, have been at his bedside during the week. Friends in Union will be grieved to hear of his extreme illness.

Go to Church Sunday

Sunday, December 24th, will be Christmas Eve and every soul in Union is invited to worship at one of the various churches in this city and there are a number of them, white and colored. The pastors and the congregations of the churches invite the strangers within the city to worship with them and all those who are not identified with any denomination are invited to choose a church and spend a while Sunday morning giving thanks to Almighty God for His manifold blessings.

Notice

The Young Men's Gypsy South Bible Club will not hold its regular meeting Sunday afternoon on account of the Christmas holidays. The next meeting will be held on January 1st, 1923.

FIRE DESTROYS HISTORIC CHURCH

Rome, Dec. 23 (By the Associated Press).—The Papal Encyclical issued today announced the probability that the pope would call a meeting of the entire Catholic Episcopacy in Rome during the next jubilee year. It would be a continuation of the Ecumenical council held in 1870. The latter enumerates the present world evils saying the remedy is chiefly in return to Christ which means peace, justice and love among all the peoples. The respect for order and the authority and combatting of materialism.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The series of fires which have swept Catholic institutions in Canada recently, culminating early today in destruction of the historic \$1,000,000 Notre Dame church, was brought to the attention of the provincial legislature this afternoon with the suggestion that all might be the work of incendiaries.

Taking the floor after Premier Taschereau had expressed to Cardinal Begin the regrets of the legislature at the loss of the famous basilica, Arthur Sauve, leader of the opposition said:

"Would it not be well to question whether this fire is not the work of a criminal organization? That is in the air, and I call the attention of the attorney general to the fact that within a year we have had to deplore losses of that kind every month."

A short circuit in the electrical wiring was first held accountable for today's blaze, but later Monsignor Lafame, cure of Notre Dame, presented to Daniel Lorrain, chief of provincial police, the following letter, postmarked in Montreal:

"I will burn your church down on December 23."

Suspicious strangers also were reported to have been seen prowling around the church. The police then began an investigation based on the belief that the fire had been set. That Catholic orders have come to view the series of fires with suspicion was made evident recently when a letter was received from the same source.

A check of the damage done by the fire showed that while the cathedral building itself was a total loss, the presbytery was only damaged by smoke and water.

Insurance amounting to \$210,000 was carried on the basilica. The aged Cardinal Bevin watched the flames consume the basilica and say they checked only after they had attacked his own palace.

"This is awful," he said. "It is the greatest trial of my life."

Mon-Aetna

A special offering will be made Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service for those who are in need in our community. H. Haydock.

Family Reunion

Mrs. Sara Clement is entertaining a house party this Christmas and has as her guests, her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Bruce, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Rev. and Mrs. George P. White and family, of Darlington.

Thank You Very Much

The Santa Claus club asked that you help fill 20 stockings for today and you responded at once. The stockings are full, right up to the top and the kiddies will be happy Monday morning. Thank you very much for all you did to make this Christmas a happy one for someone else.

Kaiser Loves the Limelight

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 23.—The former kaiser has sold the world rights in what he calls the first official photograph of his recent wedding for \$10,000. It shows him in field marshal uniform, and Princess Hermine is wearing the famous diadem, the kaiser's wedding gift.

The Means Beatty Property Sold Yesterday

The Means Beatty property, located just west of the city limits, was sold yesterday, the lands being bought by Messrs. R. F. Kennedy and L. M. Jordan for Mrs. A. H. Foster. The price paid was \$18,750. An interest in a lease of land located near Monarch was sold for \$1,000. The farm implements, etc., sold for \$1,400.

The inability of nations to trust one another may show an evil heart but it shows sound judgment.

SENATE DEBATES ARMS REDUCTION

Washington, Dec. 22.—Extension of naval disarmament among world powers was discussed in the senate for several hours today but without action and a virtual adjournment was taken over Christmas. A brief session will be held tomorrow under a "gentleman's agreement" reached yesterday to meet and adjourn until Wednesday.

The calling of an international conference to curtail construction of naval vessels of less than 10,000 tons and aircraft not covered by the Washington armament conference agreement was urged by Senator Borah (Republican) of Idaho. He deferred discussion, however, of his amendment to the naval appropriation bill requesting the president to call an international conference to deal with economic problems and with land and sea armaments.

Senator Borah declaring a new naval building race appeared imminent, cited the heavy expenditures and taxes of this and other countries and deplored any increase through construction of armaments.

Senator Poindexter (Republican) of Washington, charge of the naval bill, which was given temporary right of way over the administration shipping bill, declared the provision in the bill as passed by the house proposing a conference on limitation of small vessels and aircraft was designed to correct the conditions emphasized by Senator Borah. He agreed that competition was reported by naval powers in armaments not covered by the recent arms conference naval limitation treaty.

Senators Poindexter and Stanley (Democrat) of Kentucky, declared substantial tax reductions would not be brought about even by abolishing the navy.

Senator Stanley said the insistent demand for lower taxes might be met in part by abolishing useless government commissions and boards.

Among these he said, was the railway labor board, which he described as a political smooch without power to bring about any reforms.

Victim to Bad Booze

Birmingham, Dec. 22.—While local and federal officers were making a determined fight against bootleggers distributing whiskey for Christmas, consumption poisoned whiskey claimed its first victim in Birmingham today.

Irving Fred McEntire, who died in a local hospital this evening was said by Coroner J. D. Rummus to have met his death by drinking poisoned liquor.

No White Christmas

Washington, Dec. 22.—Any hope for a "white Christmas" south of the Mason and Dixon line apparently was dispelled tonight by the weather bureau, which announced that generally fair weather will prevail Saturday and Sunday in the Atlantic and East Gulf states, Tennessee and Ohio valley with no material change in temperature, although it will be slightly warmer in the Southeastern states Saturday.

"There is no cold weather in sight," the bureau stated.

One Dead, Two Injured In Auto Smash-Up

Greenville, Dec. 22.—John Vaughn is dead, Sam Vaughn is in the city hospital suffering from a fractured spine and Ben Tumbling is suffering from many painful bruises and laceration after an automobile in which the three were riding missed a bridge near Fountain Inn and turned over several times about 7:30 o'clock tonight.

All three young men were of Laurens county and were driving back home from Greenville when the accident occurred. The driver evidently did not see a turn in the road near a spot where a small bridge spans a creek, a few miles from Fountain Inn. The heavy car crashed through the shrubbery and into the creek, turning over several times. Sam Vaughn, suffering with a broken back, is reported to be in a serious condition.

Abraham Becker Convicted

New York, Dec. 23.—Abraham Becker was convicted of the murder of his wife here today and gets the death penalty. His wife disappeared last April. The body was found in a lime filled pit months later, where it is alleged, she was buried alive.

Howard Beaves, of Greenboro, N. C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Beaves.

STORMY SCENE AT CONFERENCE

Lausanne, Dec. 22.—Christmas threatens to be a busy time at the Lausanne Naval Disarmament conference. Thursday was a busy day; today was worse. A temper which did not seem to harmonize with the usual spirit of the Yuletide pervaded today's session of the conference on midnight.

Efforts were made to get Dr. Riza Nur Bey, the Turkish delegate, who formally was accredited by the Angora government to represent it at Moscow, to agree to the exemption of the Christian minorities in Turkey from military service. But he refused flatly and seemingly sullenly. He declined to give any reason for his declination and several others equally as flatly.

M. Laroche, of the French delegation, made an appeal to Riza Nur Bey on military exemption saying, "Come on, make the Allies a little Christmas present on this point." The Turkish delegate, however, retorted angrily, "We don't believe in Christmas presents."

Riza Nur Bey also refused to agree to a provision for the preservation of Christian cemeteries in Turkey. This caused much surprise among the other representatives, as the Turks ordinarily are extremely careful to protect all cemeteries.

The allies insisted upon consideration of the clause providing that the Turks must respect the work done under the league of nations in recovering and restoring to their families Christian women and children who were seized and imprisoned by the Turks before the close of the Great War. The Turks declined to agree to this provision and the sub-commission ended its work for the day with a feeling of disgust at the attitude of Riza Nur Bey, which several members of the sub-commission described as "highly insolent."

The Turkish delegation has received instructions from Angora that no agreements are to be made at Lausanne on any questions which are to be decided by negotiation.

Lad Instantly Killed By Shifting Engine

Rock Hill, Dec. 22.—Herbert Lowry, son of Jim Lowry, was instantly killed here this afternoon when he was run over by a shifting engine near the depot.

Young Lowry, aged 12, together with a smaller brother, Herbert Lowry, was standing on the tracks watching another engine when it was shifting nearby when the engine backed over Herbert killing him instantly and knocking his brother off the track. One leg was severed at the hip and the body was otherwise mangled.

Young Lowry is survived by his parents and a number of brothers and sisters. The inquest is to be held tonight upon the arrival of Coroner McKorkle from York.

U. S. Imports to Japan Head List

Tokio, Dec. 23.—Goods imported from Germany during the first nine months of the year amounted to value to 86,550,000 yen, or 5.7 per cent of the total imports during the period, amounting to 1,522,670,000 yen, according to the department of agriculture and commerce, Germany was sixth in the list of importing countries.

The United States heads the list with 488,000,000 yen, British India second with 217,600,000 yen, England third with 194,920,000 yen, China fourth with 131,330,000 yen and Kwangtung fifth with 108,520,000 yen. Imports from Germany during the corresponding period of 1921 amounted only to 29,600,000 yen. The principal goods imported from Germany were drugs, drug material, dyes, woolen textiles, paper, iron, metal manufactures, scientific and surgical instruments and chemical manufactures.

Believes Chile Earthquake Continuation Of Disaster of 1905

Tokio, Dec. 23.—The violent earthquake which occurred in north central Chile were plainly registered on the seismograph at Tokio University and as a result Professor Omori, earthquake authority, undertakes to disprove a theory that the waves of an earthquake pass through the depth rather than the surface of the earth. Professor Omori states that the shaking continued for five hours and that travelling around the earth, passed through Japan and continued around again until recorded at the Imperial University. The professor says the quake was a continuation of that of 1905 which caused the disaster in San Francisco.

America's first post, Anne Bradstreet, was born in England.

SLEUTHS FACE BLANK WALL

Denver, Colorado, Dec. 22.—Authorities tonight apparently are facing the same blank wall which confronted them in their investigation of Denver's Federal Reserve Bank truck robbery before Thursday evening's wild chase over country roads in Northern Colorado, supposedly on the heels of the four men blamed for the \$200,000 theft and the shooting to death of Charles T. Linton, Federal Reserve bank guard, in a gun battle in front of the United States mint here Monday.

Tonight two detective agencies here claim to have definite clues to the identity and probable location of the bandits.

Roland K. Goddard, operative in charge of the federal secret service agents for Colorado district, is absent on a secret mission.

Chief of Police H. R. Williams, of Denver, believes the status of the man hunt is substantially the same as it was before Sheriff Frank Hail of Greeley sought the aid of local police yesterday.

Where To Worship

Episcopal Church. Sunday school and Bible class 10 a. m., B. F. Alston, Jr., superintendent. Morning service and sermon 11 a. m., W. W. Johnson, lay reader. Christmas Day service 7:30 p. m. Special music. A cordial welcome awaits you. L. W. Blackwelder, Rector.

Grace Methodist Church. 10:00 a. m.—The different departments of the Sunday school will assemble in their respective rooms; ten minutes will be given for the regular offering and for the collection of any gifts that may be made. The school will then assemble in the auditorium for a Christmas service. 11:00 a. m.—Preaching by the pastor. The subject, "The Kingdom of God is within you."

6:00 p. m.—A song and praise service, by choir and congregation. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Jas. W. Kilgo, Pastor.

First Baptist Church. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11:15, with preaching by the pastor. The B. Y. P. U., Senior and Junior, will meet as usual at 8:30. Evening worship, with preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m. At the morning hour the ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed. The evening sermon will deal with the birth of Christ. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services of the church. Edw. S. Reaves, Pastor.

Corinth Baptist Church (Colored) 10:00 a. m.—Sunday school. 11:30 a. m.—Preaching; subject, "Reconciling God." 6:45 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. 7:30 p. m.—Preaching. You and your friends are made welcome. J. S. Daniel, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church. 10:00 a. m.—Sunday school. 11:00 a. m.—Preaching. 7:30 p. m.—Night worship. The session will gladly meet at any time to receive members. At the night worship there will be some singing by Junior choirs. A Happy Christmas to you. Let us make it a Happy Christmas to God. J. F. Matheson, Pastor.

WITH THE SICK

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Eaves and little son, Duncan, are confined to their home with flu.

Miss Lilian Estes is quite sick at the home of her mother, Mrs. Virginia Estes, with flu.

Mrs. Paul K. Switzer is improving from a severe attack of flu at her home on Douglas Heights.

Miss Lois Townsend, who has been quite sick with flu, is improving.

Clarke Garner is able to resume his duties at the Union Hardware Co., after a week's illness of flu.

Kurdette Sims is recovering from a recent attack of flu and is able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bobo and daughter, Miss Mozelle Bobo are quite sick with flu at their home on E. Main street.

Miss Marie Reaves is sick at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Reaves, with flu.

J. S. Plaxico is able to be out after an attack of flu.

Mr. Donald J. Matheson of the Otis Elevator Co., Yonkers, N. Y., will arrive tonight.

DEATH CELL NOW EMPTY

Columbia, Dec. 22.—The death cell in the South Carolina state prison tonight were empty.

The sole occupant, since prison officials decided to remove all prisoners not under sentence to die on a definite date to the ordinary cell blocks, today paid the penalty for his offense against the laws of the state. Shortly after ten o'clock this morning, Frank M. Jeffords, one of the three slayers of J. C. Arnette, his partner in business, marched out of the cell which he had occupied since early last summer. At 10:17 o'clock he sat in the chair of death and at 10:20 the electric current that snuffed out his life was turned on.

The current was gradually increased from 500 volts to 1900 and four minutes later attending physicians announced that the state's claim against Jeffords had been collected.

This afternoon Jeffords' wife claimed his body. No announcement was made as to when or where it would be buried.

Jeffords, according to prison officials, was one of the calmest men that ever went to the electric chair in this state. He stood with his hands behind his back, his legs spread slightly apart and leaning slightly forward, while Captain Roberts, of the prison guard, read to him the death warrant. Newspaper correspondents, who, with Captain Roberts, were the only persons present in the cell when the warrant was read, stood with bared heads. All felt the tenacity of the situation. But Jeffords, the man most concerned in the whole affair, showed not a trace of emotion.

"Have you anything to say?" the captain of the guards asked the condemned man.

"Nothing sir, except that you see that my grip is set on," with the reply. He added that his belongings were in his grip in the cell except his Bible, which, he said, would be there when the prison officials came for the bag.

Two letters in his pockets he asked to be turned over to his brother. This was done without the contents being made known.

Entering the chamber where his execution was to take place Jeffords again was the calmest person present. He walked firmly and as he entered greeted the two score witnesses with a cool "good morning, gentlemen." Seated in the chair he said that he wanted all to see in his execution an example and that he was ready to go. Then he repeated the twenty-third psalm and as he added the word "Amen" the current was turned on, ending his life.

While Jeffords was being executed Ira Harrison, confessed slayer of Arnette and under sentence to die on February 16 unless the supreme court interferes, lay in a state of semi-consciousness in the prison hospital. Harrison has been in this condition for more than two weeks. He was sentenced to die today along with Jeffords but an appeal to the supreme court resulted in a stay of execution and Governor Harvey relieved him until February 16.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Louise Crawford will spend the Christmas holidays with Miss Effie Mae Vogel in Spartanburg.

Miss Kate Kilgo, of Greenwood, is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Kilgo at the Methodist parsonage.

Miss Martha Coppedge, of Wadesboro, N. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Kilgo, for the holidays.

James Kilgo, of Darlington is expected to spend part of the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Kilgo.

Mrs. Ben L. Berry left Thursday afternoon for Gettysburg, Pa., to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. Miss Frances McDow has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. B. Jeter, Jr., at Santuc.

Mrs. Sibley of Georgia is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. B. Jennings, for the holidays.

O. T. Belue has returned from a visit to Atlanta.

Mrs. Guy Wilburn returned yesterday afternoon from Hendersonville, N. C., where she has been for several months in the hospital.

Mrs. Jack Young (Ruth Gault) of Greenville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gault, on South street.

Mrs. L. J. Browning will leave tomorrow for Asheville, N. C., to spend the holidays with Mr. Browning, who is undergoing treatment at Sunset Heights Sanitarium.

Textile Imports on Upgrade

Tokio, Dec. 23.—Imports of textiles up to the end of October amounted to 46,000,000 yen in value and it is expected that the total for the year will reach 50,000,000 yen, a marked increase over previous years. Approximately 90 percent or more of woolen textiles imported came from England.

Fine Spirit Shows

The Ottaray Circle of Mon-Aetna church sent a box to the Connie Maxwell orphanage this week. The box went to the boys of the Dairy Boys' Cottage and the girls of the Alderman Sanitarium, 28 in number. Each child was remembered with a nice present. The circle also will remember some in its community that have had discouragements.

GEORGIA JUDGE RAPS KU KLUX

Albany, Ga., Dec. 22.—Sharp criticism of the Ku Klux Klan, assertions of its harmfulness and suggestions for combating it were contained in the charge to the grand jury today by Judge William H. Barrett of the United States district court for south Georgia, at the opening of the Albany division.

"With the earnestness and zeal of a Georgia citizen," said Judge Barrett, "one who loves his state and his country, I implore you to cooperate in combating what is unquestionably a menace, what I believe has not yet assumed as great magnitude as many would have us believe but which is undoubtedly a disease in the body politic and if we are to treat it wisely we should treat it now, in its incipency, and that is the Ku Klux Klan."

"I am told that the constitution of this organization is worded in such a way that no patriotic citizen can cavil at it," Judge Barrett continued, "but my information is that the real motives that lead to joining, though not professed in the constitution, are usually one of four, I may say. One that perhaps had considerable force at the initiation of it was an anti-negro sentiment, founded upon the proposition that by reason of the unusual treatment accorded some negro soldiers abroad there might be an effort on their part to create an unhappy situation here. Another is an anti-Catholic sentiment, which would seek if not punish, at least greatly to subdue all those who believe in that religion. Another was an anti-Jewish sentiment. Another, and perhaps the most general—and I do not wish to be vituperative—was in arrogating to themselves a super knowledge and virtue by which they would determine what things were wrong, and that they could correct them wholly independent of the government, courts and law."

"I ask you, gentlemen," the judge continued, "eye to eye and face to face, to ask any member of the Klan, if perchance he has a young daughter, if he is willing to sacrifice her life and his activities that her virtue should be preserved."

Upon courts, not upon law, but upon the passions of men. Ask him, if he has a young son, if he is willing for him to grow up in a country that knows no law. Ask him, if he knows he is right, why mask? The cure of wrong is light, and you may count upon it, when a man feels that he must act with a hidden countenance and in secret, in the depths of his heart he doubts his rightness. I call to his attention the fact that a mask may conceal not only an honest man and a patriot, but it may conceal a barbarian. One clothed with iniquity—one who seeks to wreak his own personal hate or jealousy, taking advantage of the organization. I ask if a mask can not just as well hide a negro's face as a white face, a Roman Catholic's face, as a Protestant's a Jew's as well as a Gentile's. Ask him if he does realize that by this practice, however worthy he may think for the moment, he is turning loose the beast which will overturn all good government, all law, all justice, all love of man and bring our country to desolation and despair."

Clemenceau Gives Medal to America

Paris, Dec. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Georges Clemenceau called at the American embassy today and expressed to Ambassador Herrick his deep appreciation of the cordial attitude of the people of the United States during his American tour.

He also handed to the ambassador for transmission to the museum at Mount Vernon a gold medal given him by the city of Mulhouse, Alsace, on the occasion of his first visit there after the liberation of the district from the Germans.

The medal was struck in 1897 to commemorate the centenary of the revolution union of the free city of Mulhouse with France. M. Clemenceau desired his gift to be taken as a tribute to the American soldiers who so splendidly aided in freeing Alsace "in reparation of the German crime."

He mentioned to Ambassador Herrick his visit to the Mount Vernon museum, where he was greatly interested in the key to the battle presented to Washington by Lafayette. The Tiger made known that his intention of presenting the Mulhouse medal to the museum. Mr. Harding heartily approving of the gift.