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VEIL OF SECRECY AT NEW ORLEANS

DEEP MYSTERY MADE OF FIVE PRISONERS—IS SUGGESTED THAT MEN BROUGHT FROM SOUTH AMERICA MAY BE DESPERATE CHARACTERS—RIGID SILENCE RULE

New Orleans, March 22.—Held in separate cells in the Orleans parish prison tonight were five men who classified themselves as seamen but whom it was indicated through statements of Capt. J. H. B. Van Weeldern of the New York and Cuba line freighter Rushville and implications of department of justice officials might be wanted in New York in connection with the investigation of the Wall street bomb plot of September 16 last.

Shackled hand and foot, the men were taken from the steamer Rushville today, hustled to the parish prison, booked under the following names, Philip Bender, Lionel Kue breezuff, Rudolph Dorsh, Hans Randin and Hanrik Lipan, then held incommunicado.

After Captain Van Weeldern related the manner in which the men were captured and the difficulties encountered in moving from Rio de Janeiro to New Orleans, he too became uncommunicative and tonight would make no further statement. Department of justice officials said they were "awaiting instructions."

Last Saturday when the Rushville was approaching this port the master wirelessly the department of justice requesting that it care for five "consular prisoners." Elaborate preparations were made for handling the captives and they were treated as desperate men from the time federal officers took them over from the ship guard under which they were in charge.

Orders issued by the master of the Rushville were that no member of the crew should discuss the prisoners with outsiders under penalty of salary deductions. The captain, however, related the circumstances leading up to his acceptance of the men as involuntary passengers.

Late last month, according to Captain Van Weelder, the United States shipping board steamship City of Alton, then nearing Rio de Janeiro, received a wireless message presumably from officials of the United States government requesting arrest of the five men. A fight started and, according to Captain Van Weeldern, it was with extreme difficulty that the men were subdued, placed in irons and taken to Rio de Janeiro, where they were imprisoned. They were to be shipped to New York, where they were "wanted." The American vice consul at Rio de Janeiro, according to Captain Van Weeldern, requested the Munson liner Yoro to take the quintet to New York. Still heavily guarded the men were placed aboard the Yoro and in some manner, according to the Rushville captain, started a furious fight. The Yoro's master speedily returned them to the Rio de Janeiro jail. About that time the Rushville came in to load coffee for New Orleans. Vice Consul Thomas managed to persuade the captain to attempt transportation of the prisoners. "We accepted and here they are," the skipper concluded.

The prisoners, apparently between 25 and 35 years of age, were said to be for the most part well educated, some speaking several languages. The officers of the Rushville spent the day and part of tonight in the offices of the department of justice. No indication was given as to when the prisoners would be taken to New York, orders apparently being awaited.

Aside from a reporter from an afternoon newspaper who managed to talk to one of the men before he was excluded from the parish prison no one outside of federal officials have talked with the men.

ANOTHER STILL

Another still was destroyed in the county yesterday. This time the still was on the eastern side of the county. It was located on the plantation of the late Ben Richey. The find was made by Prohibition Officer E. V. Martin, Deputy Sheriff Cann and Constable Sam Milford, of Donalds.

The still was a copper affair of thirty gallon capacity. It was located not far from the Richey residence. In the smokehouse of the Richey residence was found a table covered with malt. It is understood that one of the Richey young men is to be charged with operating the still. He is in Abbeville today for the purpose of making bond for his appearance at the next term of the Federal court.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARE ENGAGING THE CABINET

Washington, March 22.—A general survey of foreign relations occupied the attention of President Harding and his cabinet today during most of the two-hour session.

Secretary Hughes presented a long summary of the general foreign situation and there was a general round table discussion of various affairs. It is understood that the general European situation was touched on only as a part of the general picture and that no specific questions involving the league of nations or other European connections were decided.

This was the first comprehensive session to be held by the new cabinet regarding the nation's foreign policy. Secretary Hughes reported all the details he had gathered since March 4 in regard to foreign questions, but it was understood that no recommendations in regard to changes of policy accompanied the report.

Such questions as the restoration of relations with other nations after the disturbances of war, the situation presented by the creation of new nations in the war settlement and the Panama relations occupied much time.

There was some talk regarding the legislative program for the special session, but, it was said, a definite solution still was to be reached. Afterwards it was indicated, however, the administration and leaders of the senate and house before congress got down to work.

FORDNEY BILL TO BE PUT THROUGH

Washington, March 22.—With the decision by Republican leaders to put thru the Fordney emergency tariff bill precisely as voted by President Wilson immediately upon the convening of congress, the major legislative program for the extra session was believed today to be definitely settled.

Reversing their previous position against the enactment of an emergency tariff, members of the house ways and means committee yesterday acceded to the request of President Harding for passage at once of a measure designed to afford protection to the farmers against foreign competition. Agreement to the program also was given by Senators Penrose, Smoot and McCumber, conferees from the senate finance committee, Senator Penrose stating that there would be limitation of debate if necessary to insure speedy passage of the bill thru the Senate it probably will be rushed thru the House under a special rule.

With the emergency measure out of the way the house, according to the final program agreed on, then will take up the anti-dumping bill to be followed by permanent tariff revision. The actual work of framing the tariff bill will be begun by the ways and means committee at once. It is planned to speed up the program by having the senate finance committee consider revenue legislation while the house is at work on the tariff.

Mr. A. D. Kennedy, of Due West, was on our streets Tuesday.

MRS. WEINRAUB ARRESTED CHARGED WITH BURNING

Preliminary Examination to be Held Today—Defendant in Jail.—The Storehouse of Defendant Belonging to Mr George Burned Recently

Mrs. Sarah Weinraub was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging her with statutory arson. The warrant was sworn out by N. D. Sanders, of Calhoun Falls, before Magistrate R. S. McComb. It charges that on February 28th. Mrs. Weinraub maliciously and wilfully set fire to a storehouse in the town of Calhoun Falls, occupied by her, but belonging to J. J. George, with the intent to burn it. Mrs. Weinraub is stated to have had a large stock of goods in the store, which goods were insured, and the inference is that she is accused of setting fire to the store for her own benefit. The warrant further charges that the setting fire to the store endangered the place of residence and sleeping quarters of the family of Mr. Sanders. His family occupied the upstairs of an adjoining storehouse.

Mrs. Weinraub was brought to the jail yesterday and has been in charge of the sheriff since that time. A preliminary is being held today. Mrs. Weinraub vigorously denies that she set fire to the storehouse. She charges, it is stated to us, that the fire was of incendiary origin, but she denies all responsibility for the offense.

One of the witnesses against Mrs. Weinraub will be Mrs. Albert McLane, who was a sales-woman in her store. Mrs. Weinraub recently swore out a search warrant against Mr. and Mrs. McLane, charging that they had concealed in their house a large amount of goods which had been taken from her store. The McLanes willingly submitted to their house being searched. Mrs. Weinraub after the search made claim to only one or two small articles found in the house, and these the McLanes claim to have bought and paid for. Although Mrs. Weinraub claimed the articles, she has sworn out no warrant for the arrest of these parties.

Out of this charge other litigation will likely arise. The McLanes have employed counsel and will institute an action against Mrs. Weinraub for malicious prosecution for issuing out the search warrant. They expect also to file an action for slander against her.

It is understood that the testimony in the arson case is largely circumstantial. A large number of witnesses have been summoned to Abbeville today and it is likely that the preliminary examination may not be finished before tomorrow.

NEW PLUMBER IN TOWN

Abbeville is soon to have a first class plumbing shop open here. Mr. Ralph Turner is in the city now seeking a convenient location and when he has permanently settled he will be joined by his brother, Mr. Herbert Turner, an expert worker in sheet metal. Mr. Ralph Turner is a married man and will move his family to our town at an early date. Both young men are nephews of Mr S M Shiver and Mr Ralph Turner is making his headquarters with him for the present. Abbeville will give the newcomers a cordial welcome.

GERMANY WILL REFUSE

Berlin, March 22.—Germany's reply to the demand of the Entente for the payment before March 23 of one billion marks gold, to apply on reparation obligations, will be in the negative, it was unofficially stated today. The German government's answer to the allies now being drafted, will be complete within 48 hours, as the time limit expires Wednesday.

VISITING HER SON.

Mrs. J. M. Wilkinson leaves Thursday for Asheville where she will spend some time with her son, Julian Wilkinson, who is in the Government hospital at Biltmore. Julian is improving slowly, his friends will be glad to hear.

STORE ROBBED MONDAY NIGHT

Burglar Enters Store of Ramey & Gilliam—Steals Goods Worth Four or Five Hundred Dollars—Breaks in Back Door—No Clue.

Monday night a burglar or burglars entered the store-room of Ramey & Gilliam, on Washington Street and stole from it goods of the value of four or five hundred dollars. Entry was made by breaking the rear door. In order to get to this door, the robber or robbers first climbed on top of the Kerr stores on Main street and then got down into the court, and from this entered the store.

Several articles of wearing apparel were taken from the front window of the storeroom. Evidently the person who entered the store had a confederate on the outside, else he would not have dared to go into the front windows of the storeroom and take out a large quantity of wearing apparel and of other articles.

Mr. Gilliam this morning stated that they were positive that four suits of clothing, which formerly sold for \$50.00 per suit; two suit cases valued at \$40.00; a box of shirts and two extra shirts, two hats, two boxes of men's socks, a box of collars, and a large quantity of men's neckwear had been stolen. Most of the articles stolen were taken from the front window of the store, all in fact except the four suits of clothes, the box of shirts, and the collars and socks.

No clue has been found as yet to the persons responsible for the crime.

CLAIMS FIGURES MUCH TOO LARGE

Washington, March 22.—Ginning statistics for the season of 1920-21 announced today by the census bureau, tending to prove that the current crop is the sixth largest in the history of the country, is grossly inaccurate, according to Senator J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama and other congressional experts who have steadfastly contended that all government reports have been "unduly inflated."

"The report of the census today," said Senator Heflin, "proves conclusively that there is immediate need for the investigation which, under a resolution of Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, the senate will shortly undertake. As a result of that investigation, it will be shown just how much cotton remains in the country, and I am positive that it will be disclosed that the census figures are almost 2,000,000 bales in excess of that which was actually produced."

"Government figures, since the present crop was planted, have invariably impressed the world that there was to be a surplus supply. This impression has demoralized the market and cost the South many millions of dollars."

Senators Heflin and Smith assailed the estimate of the department of agriculture last December as too great. The census figures indicate that the department's estimate was nearly 400,000 bales short. The senatorial investigation will be initiated as soon as Senator Smith returns to Washington.

PRETTY VISITORS.

Miss Mildred Cochran will come home from Lander College Thursday for the Easter holidays. She will be accompanied by her friends, Miss Frances Massabeau, of Orangeburg; Miss Mary Hyman, of Florence, and Miss Helen McLeod, of Augusta, all students of Lander. These pretty young ladies will spend until Monday in the city.

MISS DAISY MAXWELL BETTER

Miss Daisy Maxwell has been quite sick at her home for the past week with a genuine case of flu. Her friends will be glad to know that she is improving and every one hopes to see her out again soon.

THE CITY PRIMARY

The City primary election was held yesterday (Tuesday.) Not much interest was shown in the voting, the election being an unusually quiet one. In the first ward M. B. Reese was renominated without opposition. Mr. Reese lives in the ward where Greenville streeters reside and they believe in keeping a good man in office. In the second ward the race was between C. L. Evans, the incumbent, and G. L. Flynn. Mr. Evans received 30 votes at the city box, 16 at the cotton mill and 3 at the shops. Mr. Flynn received 10 at the city box, 2 at the cotton mill and 3 at the shops. Mr. Evans was therefore renominated by a vote of 49 to 15.

In the third ward Mr. W. C. Hughes made the race against the incumbent W. M. Langley. Mr. Hughes received 7 votes in the city box, 58 at the mill and 1 at the shops. Mr. Langley received 28 at the city box, 50 at the mill and 10 at the shops. Mr. Langley was renominated by a vote of 88 to 66.

In the fourth ward there was a three cornered fight. T. M. Miller, the incumbent was opposed by Ben T. Cochran and W. T. Stephens. In this three cornered race Mr. Cochran received in the city box 31 and at the shops 4, total 35. Mr. Miller received in the city box 28 and at the shops 6, total 34. Mr. Stephens received in the city box 4 and at the shops 20, total 24. None of the candidates received any votes at the cotton mill box. Mr. Cochran and Mr. Miller will, therefore, make a second race, the primary to be held next Tuesday.

COURT CONVENES MONDAY

The spring term of the court of common pleas will convene next Monday, March 28th. Only a few cases of minor importance are to be tried at this term of the court, and adjournment will likely be reached not later than Thursday.

Hon. W. H. Townsend, of Columbia, judge of the fifth circuit will be the presiding judge. There will be no second week of court this year.

ABBEVILLE GIRLS HONORED.

Last week was election week at Agnes Scott college, the students electing all officers for next year for the college activities. Two Abbeville girls, Misses Victoria Howie and Mary H. Greene, were among those honored. Miss Howie was elected business manager and Miss Greene, assistant editor of Agonistic the college weekly, which is published by the student body of the college.

MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GRAIN IS DESTROYED

Chicago, March 22.—A wrecking crew today were clearing away the tons of debris scattered by an explosion Saturday night in the elevator of the Armour Grain company, on the south side, under which the bodies of four victims were believed to be concealed. The two known dead were blown out of the structure by the blast, which, it was believed, was due to spontaneous combustion which ignited inflammable mill dust.

The grain loss was placed at about \$1,000,000 by E. A. James, secretary of the company, who said that it was believed the other \$3,000,000 worth of grain in the concrete bins could be salvaged.

Police and officials of the company declared they placed little credence in a theory that the explosion might have been caused by a dissatisfied employe.

THE LISENBEES ARRIVE

Dr. L. V. Lisenbee has returned to Abbeville after several days' absence and he brings his family with him. They are comfortably settled on Greenville Street in the Benton cottage and are receiving a welcome from the neighbors. The Lisenbees have several lively children.

CONGRESS HEARS FORMAL SUMMONS

EXTRA SESSION CALLED FOR EARLY IN APRIL—ALTHOUGH NO SUBJECTS ARE MENTIONED INTENTIONS OF REPUBLICANS ARE WELL KNOWN—TARIFF AND TAXATION

Washington, March 22.—A formal call for an extra session of congress to meet on April 11 and receive legislative recommendations from the new administration was issued today by President Harding.

None of the specific problems to be laid before the legislative branch was named in the proclamation, the president merely declaring that an extraordinary occasion required that congress convene "to receive such communications as may be made by the executive."

Mr. Harding already has indicated, however, that the tariff and taxation will be foremost in his message to the special session. He is expected to make a special plea for prompt relief to the nation's agricultural interests and the list of recommendations may touch many other subjects such as the railway situation, the merchant marine, and immigration.

One recommendation relative to reconstruction measures within the government machine itself is expected to suggest the creation of a many kinds of property acquired by government agencies during the war. Whether the message will touch on foreign relations is a matter of speculation, but the president has indicated that his primary desire for the session is that it work out a plan of governmental and industrial rehabilitation at home.

A program for the session has been discussed at a series of conferences between the president and leaders in senate and house and although definite decisions still are to be made feeling of confidence is manifest that there will be working agreement that will expedite legislative business from the start.

Some of the president's friends believe that he will follow the custom of President Wilson in delivering his message to congress in person. It was said tonight at the White House, however, that no decision on that detail had been reached.

MOB MENACES MAN

Hickman, Ky., March 21.—Oscar Seay, a white man living at Bondurant Station, near here, was rescued from an armed mob by county officers late today and brought to jail here. Seay, it was reported had unmercifully beaten an 18 months old baby girl with a cane, inflicting serious injuries.

The mob went to Seay's house and was attempting to enter when county officials arrived and persuaded the mob to let them have the prisoner. Seay was rushed to a waiting automobile and brought to Hickman. As the officers drove away many shots were fired. Seay is said to have become incensed at the child's crying while it had been left in the charge of his wife, the mother of the child being at work.

PLAY BALL

The Abbeville High school team went over to Elberton today to play ball and to defeat the Georgia team so badly that they will never want to play again. "Mary" Neuffer, the mascot and Supt. Fulp went along with the rest of the boys, "Mary" being dressed up for the occasion, the cold weather running him into his shoes and stockings.

SERVICES AT TRINITY

There will be services at Trinity church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon at four o'clock and on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.