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"SANDS" OFFERS TO AID WOOLWINE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GETS EXTRAORDINARY LETTER—DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS THE CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT WILL BE WIPED OUT.

Los Angeles, Feb. 18.—Immunity for Edward F. Sands from prosecution on a charge of embezzlement preferred against him last August by William Desmond Taylor, murdered film director, was promised tonight by Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, provided Sands can prove his innocence of the slaying of Taylor and can "untangle this murder mystery."

Mr. Woolwine's promise to the missing former butler-secretary to Taylor was made in a letter he addressed to Edward F. Sands through the "publishers" in answer to a letter he received and which purported to have been written by Sands.

The letter which was signed "E. F. Sands," was dated February 14. The writer declared he was living in Los Angeles and asked whether if he surrendered and established his innocence of the murder of Taylor, he would be freed of the embezzlement charges.

A copy of the letter follows:

Dear Sir: This letter will probably surprise you when you read it. I am taking this liberty to write to you to make matters more easy for you. In the first place I am Mr. Sands, although a friend of mine is writing this letter under my direction. Mr. Woolwine, you need not look all over the world for me for I am living right here in Los Angeles and am reading the papers every day. Concerning the Taylor murder I will be frank with you, Mr. Woolwine. I have not had any peace of mind since the murder, and I have come to the conclusion that the quicker this thing is settled the better off we will all be. Now, Mr. Woolwine, in the first place I did not murder Taylor but I know who did it, but what assurance have I from you to know that you will accept my story? None.

"Therefore, I want a guarantee from you that if I surrender myself into your hands and if I establish my innocence of the crime you will set me free.

"If you will do this, Mr. Woolwine, I can untangle this murder mystery for you. You may answer me in any of the Los Angeles papers.

"Thank you. E. F. Sands."

NAME BROWN MAYOR

Town of McCormick Elects Mayor and Aldermen.

McCormick, Jan. 18.—At a primary election held Tuesday for the purpose of nominating officers for the town of McCormick for the next two years the following vote was cast:

For mayor, J. C. Brown, 130.

Aldermen: Dan A. Bell, 104; E. J. McCracken, 96; L. N. Brown, 93; C. W. Patterson, 90; W. M. Strom, 87; C. K. Epting, 79; J. M. Brown, 76; J. T. McGrath, 75, and Austin Abercrombie, 73. All having received a majority the first six named were duly elected. The general election will be held the first Tuesday in April, which will only be a matter of form. The newly elected mayor is one of the town's substantial citizens and has served as mayor in the past.

MANAGER OF TEAM

James F. Coleman of Abbeville has been elected manager of the Clemson football team for next year. The new manager went from Abbeville High School to Clemson, where he has taken a fine stand in his classes. He will be a senior next year. His popularity and high standing at Clemson are attested by his winning the honor coveted most by Clemson students.

MARKETING EFFORT BEGINS TOMORROW

The campaign to secure signatures to the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association contract in Abbeville county begins in earnest tomorrow when two of the ten meetings scheduled will be held at Calhoun Falls and Monterey. George T. Barnes, district director, will speak at both of these meetings. J. F. Hill, the county director, was not prepared this morning to say whether another speaker would be present at the initial meetings, but it is probable that some well known man in the state will be present at the other meetings.

The campaign in this county has not been pushed earlier because of the bad weather that has prevailed for the past few weeks. Now that the roads are beginning to become passable it is likely that much more interest will be shown and that the effort will be met with a heartier response. Many of the leading farmers of the county attended a meeting at the court house early in January and heard Mr. Watkins explain the principles involved, but hundreds of farmers from every section were unable to be present at the first meeting and it is for their benefit that speakers will appear at various points in the rural territory. It is hoped that the farmers will attend these informative gatherings, even though they should decide against adding their signatures to a binding contract.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

- Calhoun Falls tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.
- Monterey Tuesday afternoon.
- Antreville Wednesday morning.
- Lowndesville Wednesday afternoon.
- Due West Thursday morning.
- Keowee Thursday afternoon.
- Donalds Friday morning.
- Broadmouth Friday afternoon.
- Central Friday morning.
- Smithville Friday afternoon.

The last day meetings will be held at four places. This is done to avoid a Saturday session.

SPARTANBURG MAN SHOOT BURGLAR

Spartanburg, Feb. 19.—H. F. McGee, a former president of the Spartanburg chamber of commerce and a leading merchant, shot and killed a negro burglar in his home on east Main street here tonight. The negro walked into the bedroom of the home in which Mr. and Mrs. McGee snatched a pistol from the dresser and fired four times and followed the man into the adjoining room where he fired two shots all of which struck the man, killing him instantly. The negro is believed to be Albert Perry, a local character with a police record.

THREE GUARDSMEN

Judge A. F. Carwile and Colonels W. W. Wilson and J. K. Temple were here Saturday. They called on the Highway Commission and wanted to know what Uncle Jim had done with that speech he delivered at Level Land in which he declared that Level Land was the most convenient port to Anderson. That speech made an impression on Judge Carwile. Col. Wilson and Temple backed up the Judge in all he had to say to the commissioners and when the business of the day was over, they wanted to know what had become of the setback artist of the Dutch Kolone.

45 Below in Adirondacks. Ogdensburg, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The lowest temperatures of the winter were recorded throughout this region today. Rainbow lake in the Adirondacks reported 45 degrees below zero, Loon lake 34; Nehasane 32, and Malone 30 below.

BONUS BILL READY WITHIN TEN DAYS

UNEXPECTED ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY FORDNEY—CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE SHOUTS PREDICTION IN LOUD VOICE.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The outstanding development today in the bonus legislation situation was an unexpected announcement in the house by Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee that the bonus bill would be ready for presentation to a caucus of house Republicans within the next ten days.

A moment after this statement was made there was a shout from the Republican side of the chamber when the chairman, lifting his voice to its highest pitch, declared the soldier bonus measure would be passed by a Republican house.

Breaking into the thick of a row over charges by Representatives Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the committee that the bill was being framed secretly with the aid of representatives of the American Legion, Mr. Fordney shouted to the Democratic side that the Republicans did not deem it proper to seek advice on the bonus from those unalterably opposed to it.

While there was no other reference to the bonus on the floor, bonus talk swirled through the corridors and for the time being discussion of plans for cutting the army and navy appropriation bills was forgotten. Republican members of the ways and means committee meeting morning and afternoon went over details of the proposed bill without giving any intimation as to the exact form of the measure to be reported. The calling in of John T. Taylor, vice chairman of the American Legion's legislative committee, and Richard Jones, representing Veterans of Foreign Wars, provoked the protest of Mr. Garner and his appeal that the house step in to prevent Republicans meeting in secret with witnesses favoring the measure without admitting Democratic members to listen at least to the deliberations.

How far sentiment was swinging to the sales tax as a means of raising revenue for the bonus, as advocated by President Harding, was the subject of unending discussion among members. It was evident on all sides, however, that the Republicans were determined to put the bill through the house, regardless of what might happen to it in the senate. In the event the bill is in shape for consideration by a Republican caucus within the time set by Mr. Fordney, leaders said it would be passed prior to March 4.

"There is no power in the house to head off the soldier bonus now," said a Republican leader, which seemed to be the view of most members insisting upon early passage.

MR. JOHNSON MOVES

Mr. H. L. Johnson, who has been with the Press and Banner for the past year, has been offered and has accepted a position with the Lynchburg (Va.) News, a newspaper owned and published by Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia. The offer made Mr. Johnson is a flattering one, and while he regrets to leave Abbeville, and the Press and Banner regrets to part with his valuable services, it is to his interest to accept.

Mr. Johnson will remain in Abbeville until March first, after which he will take up the new work.

SEEING A SPECIALIST

Gottlob Neuffer went to Anderson Saturday to consult Dr. Nardner as to some throat trouble which has kept him on the sick list for the past week.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR MAKETING PLAN

COOPERATIVE SELLING OF COTTON THIS FALL CERTAIN TO BE CARRIED OUT—CLARENCE POE'S VISIT DID MUCH GOOD ADDED ENTHUSIASM.

Columbia, Feb. 20.—A veritable tidal wave of enthusiasm for the cooperative marketing of cotton is sweeping over the state, and officials of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association say that contracts are coming in by every mail.

The visit of Dr. Clarence Poe to the state last week when he delivered speeches in Newberry, Aiken, Johnston and Bamberg has been followed by great activities in those counties. Dr. Poe strongly presented the plans of the association at those points, told of the successful completion of the campaign in North Carolina where over 400,000 bales had been signed and of the splendid business men chosen to head the North Carolina association. He predicted success for the South Carolina campaign.

"If the farmers of South Carolina do not enthusiastically support the movement on foot to organize and to put in successful operation the South Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, they need never start another farmers' movement because it will be a failure," says J. H. B. Jenkins, Jr., vice president of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of York, in a letter to W. B. Wilkerson, county director for Western York.

Mr. Jenkins declares that the association "will do more to bring about and regulate orderly marketing of cotton at a fair profit than anything else that can be done" and says:

"We have quite a number of farmers among our stockholders. We number hundreds of farmers as patrons, and we are and will be just as willing, if not more so, to assist financially farmers who are members of the association as those who are not. The fact that the government through the great War Finance Corporation and the large financial institutions and the money centers have endorsed Co-operative Marketing associations and have expressed a willingness to extend, and are already extending, financial assistance in large amounts, is in itself evidence of the soundness of the proposition. It is a great pity that the farmers of South Carolina have not long before now organized such an association. They would now be enjoying the great benefits that are being enjoyed through association already organized in Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi.

"The farmer who does not join in this movement is not only standing in his own light but is retarding the future development of the south."

A FORD WRECK

Damage and Thieves Make End of Machine

W. D. Wilkinson and Owens Speed were somewhat shaken up and bruised Friday night when Mr. Wilkinson drove his Ford off the end of a culvert across a road in Anderson county. The Ford was considerably torn up in the accident. While Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Speed went to Anderson thieves picked out all the solid parts and went away with them. Today Mr. Wilkinson is negotiating with Mr. Arnold for a body to put an engine in.

COURT NEXT WEEK

Court begins in Abbeville next Monday. Judge John F. Wilson of Manning will preside. Capt. J. L. Perrin, clerk of court, says that there are about 30 cases on the docket, most of them being in connection with liquor.

TO LET TRUSTEES BORROW MONEY

Senator J. Howard Moore, at home over the week-end, says that he has already gotten through the state senate a bill, local in nature, which would permit the trustees of any school district in Abbeville county to borrow money for school purposes, pledging unpaid taxes. The bill will be rushed through the house this week by Messrs. Putnam and Cox. This measure was drawn in accordance with the sentiment expressed by the trustees of the county in their meeting at the court house February 11.

Mr. Moore says the legislature will probably be in session for two weeks more than the usual forty day period. There is yet much important legislation to be considered, especially in the upper house. The county supply bill has not yet been completed but it is expected it will be passed this week.

PRESIDENT SEEKS ADVICE OF SENATE

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Harding in a formal message to the senate today asked its advice on the question of reviving by executive order the patents treaty with Germany which was negotiated on February 23 1909, but which automatically lapsed with the declaration of the existence of a state of war in 1917.

The message was received at the senate late today and was immediately referred to the foreign relations committee without its text being made public. It was said, however, to be a brief, formal letter outlining the situation and setting forth the purpose of the president in asking the advice. The committee is expected to take it up without delay.

The treaty, it was explained, covers reciprocity in the matter of the protection of patents between the United States and Germany and its revival, it is understood, will automatically restore the status existing prior to the declaration of a state of war.

SEEING THE LAWYER

Corp. Kerr went down to Columbia Saturday to see Corp. Jr., who is now a law student at the University. He wanted to see what effect a week's study of the law had had on the boy's ability to tell the truth, he said. He also recalled the fine waffles that Mrs. Pratt used to make and he used to eat at the Manse in Abbeville, and made plans accordingly. He didn't know but that he would go by Winnsboro before he came home, but he made no definite announcement fearing that Roy Power and Sam McCuen might be sending him telegrams about the sales made on Saturday.

ILL IN HOSPITAL

B. F. Cheatham underwent a serious operation at a Chester hospital this morning. News from Mrs. Cheatham, who is with him, is to the effect that the operation was successful.

AUDITOR ON JOB

Richard Sondley, county auditor, who has been ill for several days, was able to be out this morning and he has resumed his duties in the court house much to the pleasure of his friends.

MANY CHICAGO POLICE ARE WITHOUT SALARIES

Chicago, Feb. 18.—With hundreds of policemen minus their pay because of the lack of funds in the city purse yesterday, the city council will have up for consideration today a bill providing for a loan of \$2,500,000 to meet pay rolls.

HARBORD SPEAKS OF ARMY FUTURE

WOULD HAVE CONGRESS FIX APPROPRIATION — DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF SAYS CLOTH COULD THEN BE CUT TO FIT. SUGGESTS LUMP SUM.

Washington, Feb. 18.—A suggestion that congress fix upon a lump sum appropriation it is prepared to vote for maintenance of the regular army for the fiscal year and then ask the war department to work out an army plan that would yield the maximum of military efficiency within that expenditure was laid today before the house sub-committee on army appropriation at its initial consideration of the 1923 army budget. Major General Harbord, deputy chief of staff, was the only officer heard as Secretary Weeks was still at his home indisposed and his appearance with General Pershing has been deferred until next week.

General Harbord made the suggestion to the committee so that it could obtain an idea of what would be done with the army in the event of reduction of the authorized enlisted strength below the present 150,000 figure. It was indicated that the officer had pointed out the difficulties of shaping a well rounded military program on the basis of authorized strength alone and urged it would be more sound procedure to state the sum that would be available and then cut the army cloth to fit that material.

Back of the suggestion lies a hope in military circles that congress will work out a continuing financial policy for the army covering a period of years. It is argued that if the army could know just what funds would be made available each year for the next three or four years it would be possible to frame a constructive program and to lessen the apprehension among commissioned and enlisted personnel as to their future in the service.

TO INVESTIGATE FIRE

Grand Jury is Called to Meet in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—Deputy City Sergeant Cavado late today summoned the grand jury, called by Judge D. C. Richardson of hestings court to consider the findings of Chief of Police C. A. Sherry, resulting from his investigation of the Lexington hotel fire February 7, which resulted in the death of 12 persons.

Judge Richardson, after reading a report on an inquiry made by the police into the disaster, issued an order for the empanelling Monday of a special grand jury.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND

Frozen Stiff on the Outskirts Of Camden, N. J.

Camden, N. J., Feb. 18.—The woman whose body, frozen stiff, was found today on the outskirts of Forest Hill park, was identified tonight as Rose Casey, well known to the police of the tenderloin districts of Philadelphia and Camden. Detectives who made the identification said that she also was known as Rose Kleink and that she had been arrested several times in the last few years. She was about 40 years of age.

Dr. E. O. Stem, coroner's physician who performed an autopsy late tonight said the woman's death was due to tuberculosis of the lungs and not violence.

THE HILL SALE

The bankrupt property of J. H. Hill and Henry M. Hill and other property, consisting of farm machinery, live stock, corn, fodder, etc., will be sold Thursday at the residence of J. H. Hill. A large number of Abbeville people are preparing to attend the sales.