

TWO MORE GINS BURN IN TEXAS; WILL PROBE

Federal Agents Instructed to Investigate Destruction of Property by Night Riders in South

PROSECUTION MAY FOLLOW

Cotton Gins in Alabama Idle as Result of Warnings Posted on Buildings—Quiet in South Carolina and Georgia.

The federal authorities have taken cognizance of the activities of night-riders in the South, who are waging a campaign to keep cotton off the market until it reaches a price of forty cents a pound by threatening to destroy gins whose owners ignore warnings to discontinue operation until that price is realized.

The Department of Justice last night announced its agents in the affected areas had been instructed to investigate instances where federal laws relating to interference with shipments in interstate commerce might have been violated.

Department of Justice agents have been investigating the destruction of a compress and warehouses at Cameron, Texas, Sunday morning, with a loss estimated at \$1,000,00, according to A. J. Dossett, owner of the property who returned to Waco last night from Cameron.

The burning of two more gins in Texas was reported yesterday and last night. One at Pursley was destroyed Tuesday night with a loss placed at \$6,000, while the other, at Branchville, near Cameron, was burned Monday night with a loss of approximately \$12,000. Both fires are believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Flames were discovered at the Fort Smith, Ark., compress last night. It was the third fire in a period of two weeks at this plant but there was nothing to indicate a wilful attempt at its destruction.

The posting of warnings on gins in Arkansas is continuing, operators at Lavaea, near Fort Smith, last night discovering placards on their plants with inscription:

"Don't start this gin until sixty days. If the wheels turn you know the results—unless the price gets right."

Guards were placed about the gins and the owners were to confer today with farmers to determine what course to pursue.

Several additional gins in Morgan County, Alabama, were idle yesterday after the receipt of warnings to discontinue ginning.

Up to a late hour last night there had been no reports of the receipt of further warnings by ginnermen in Georgia and South Carolina.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Federal prosecution of "night riders" and others responsible for the burning of cotton and cotton gins in the Southern States will be ordered if an investigation ordered today discloses violation of any federal laws. Department of Justice agents have been instructed to investigate and report immediately instances where federal laws appear to have been violated.

In most cases, officials believed, the outrages have constituted crimes only under State laws, but the investigation was ordered when it was indicated there might have been interference with shipments in interstate commerce.

Warnings Are Found.

Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 12.—Warnings were found posted on cotton gins at Lavaea, Ark., near here, tonight, and armed guards were placed about the plants.

The ginnermen will meet with farmers tomorrow to consider what action they shall take. Several other gins have been posted near here, but no deprecations have followed.

For the third time in two weeks fire broke out tonight at the Fort Smith compress, but as on the two previous occasions damage was slight. It was impossible tonight to determine whether the fire was of incendiary origin. No warnings have been posted at the compress.

Cotton Gin Burned.

Waco, Texas, Oct. 12.—A cotton gin at Branchville, 12 miles east of Cameron, was destroyed by fire Monday night, according to reports received here today. Loss was estimated at approximately \$12,000. A small grist mill adjoining the gin also was destroyed.

THE BENBOW MEMORIAL

Among the papers and personal effects of Col. Harry Benbow there was found a package securely tied and covered with dust, this package—his "Alabaster box," contains a faded picture of his mother, her letters to him: filled with love and encouragement through one stress and storm of the '60's. The original roll of the Sprott Guards, yellow with age, but around each name a halo of glory, and last of all a letter from a comrade, from which I clip this extract.

"I am deeply grieved dear Col. at Clarendon's seeming lack of appreciation of one who served her with such valor and to whom she looked for leadership and protection in the darkest hour of her history. But be of good cheer comrade, the nation presented Admiral Dewey with a home, South Carolina in like manner honored the hero of '65, Wade Hampton, and some day, in some way, Clarendon will honor her soldier-statesman Benbow."

Gifted with prophetic foresight, the brilliant and scholarly gentleman who wrote that letter doubtless caught a glimpse of the memorial shaft that will one day stand above the ashes of his friend who wore the gray.

The treasurer of the Memorial Commission, Mr. J. M. Windham has received a letter from Col. D. W. McLaurin of Columbia saying that he and his brother have over \$100.00 subscribed to the Memorial fund. This is encouraging news, and all persons in Clarendon who wish to contribute to this cause are now requested to hand in subscriptions to one of the Memorial committees, Messrs. J. T. Stokes and Fred Lesene at Manning, A. J. Richbourg and L. A. Brunson at Sumter, Judge Richardson, Stamer, and Col. McLaurin at Columbia. All contributions will be acknowledged, and the names and amounts published in the Manning Times. Let no one hesitate to make an offering, because the gift is small, any amount will be highly appreciated, and it is the desire of the commission that this campaign for funds be an out-pouring of the hearts of the people from every section of the county.

THE S. C. DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Columbia, October, 12.—A beginning on the program for the agricultural, industrial, social and economic development of the state is to be carried out by five commissions of the South Carolina Development Board. These five commissions are: Markets, natural resources and industrial research, drainage and drainage projects, live stock and health and sanitation.

The personnel of the several commissions has been confirmed by the board of directors and the commissions will hold meetings in Columbia this month to outline their tasks and get under way.

Each commission is made up of the best equipped men and women in South Carolina. They were nominated by members of the board of control and will give their services for the advancement of their state without compensation.

Appeals for assistance have come to the development board from many sections of the state. Such appeals have been referred to the commissions for action.

The chairmen of the commissions are: Market, Bright Williamson, of Darlington; natural resources and industrial research, C. W. Coker of Hartsville; drainage and drainage projects, L. D. Lide of Marion; live stock, D. C. Heyward of Columbia; health and sanitation, E. E. Child of Whitmire. The live stock commission has three sub-committees, the chairman of which are: Live stock credits, Charles H. Barron of Columbia; live stock sanitation, J. R. Bellamy of Beaufort; grains, grasses and forage, Courtney Campbell of Foreston.

Citizens having problems in any way related to the scope of the several commissions are urged to write to the development board in Columbia, which will undertake to see that their questions are given intelligent attention.

Some people must think that paper cost nothing. They walk into our office and ask for a paper but all we get is thank you, and some times don't even get that. Now the price of The Times is five cents a copy, and we wish to state that we are tired of doing, so hereafter, any one wanting our paper must pay the price. Every advertiser is entitled to one copy free, but no more. We have never been able to walk into a store and call for a five cents article and go out without paying for it, and our business is on the same principle.

Melville's Comedians ended their week's program here Saturday night with a real comedy entitled, "Morning after the Night Before." This little troupe of professional performers gave Manning a week of real enjoyment.

LEAGUE TAKES HAND IN VILNA PROBLEM

Polish Insurgent Leader Issues Series of Proclamations From Capital.

Paris, Oct. 12.—Leon Bourgeois, as president officer of the executive council of the league of nations has telegraphed the head of the military mission sent to Lithuania asking that information be forwarded from time to time as occasion called for regarding events in Vilna, with a view to such action as might be useful to put an end to the occupation of the city by Gen. Zeligowski, the Polish insurgent commander.

M. Bourgeois informed the military mission that the Polish Government had disavowed Gen. Zeligowski and had expressed its readiness to take all measures in order to end the incident.

Proclaims New State

Warsaw, Oct. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The new "Central Lithuanian Government" at Vilna has proclaimed the creation of a new State, says a Lida dispatch.

A series of proclamations have been issued by the so-called government. The first proclaims the new state and promises to convoke a Diet in the near future.

The second, addressed to the Polish Government, asks for forgiveness for the mutiny of Gen. Zeligowski's troops and gives notice of the creation of the new State, the territory of which, it is set forth, includes the town of Grodno, with the River Niemen as the dividing line from Poland.

The proclamation further asks that the Polish troops occupying Central Lithuania be considered as an army of occupation. The Vilna government requests that it be allowed to send a commissary to these troops.

A third proclamation is a declaration to the Kovno (the old Lithuanian Government) proposing the opening of negotiations with reference to the future relations of the two countries.

END OF BOLSHEVISM IN RUSSIA IS SEEN

Washington, Oct. 12.—The end of Bolshevism in Russia is believed by officials of the State Department to be near enough to begin considering what will follow Soviet rule.

The danger of anarchy and chaos in Russia, following Bolshevism is real, it was said today by an official of the Department, who, however, expressed the belief that the Zemstvos have been so well organized that they will be able to maintain order until a new and stable government is set up.

Advices received recently by the Department from various sources were said to indicate that the Russian people are pinning more faith than ever to the Zemstvos, which organizations have been preparing for the time when each of them will have to administer the affairs of its own district.

Gen. Wrangel is reported to be receiving considerable support from the population of the territory under his control in South Russia and as his area of control increases his system of government is being installed. The anti-Bolshevik leader is subdividing the big estates so that the peasants are obtaining land to cultivate. Some official advices go so far as to indicate that if Bolshevism fails Wrangel may be called upon to organize a new government.

Launches New Drive.

Sebastopol, Oct. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gen. Wrangel the anti-Bolshevik leader, has launched his expected offensive against the new sixth army of the Soviet forces sheltered behind the Dnieper. Gen. Wrangel is carrying out a pinching movement converging on the town of Kakhovka, northeast of Kherson.

15-CENT SOUP FROM \$100.00 PIGEONS SERVED IN NEW YORK RESTAURANTS

New York, Oct. 12.—Fifteen-cent soup made of \$100 pedigree pigeons has been served recently in Eastside eating houses. Police discovered this epicurean irregularity today after arresting a 16-year old boy on complaint of a pigeon fancier that his coops of prize-winning birds had been persistently robbed. He valued the pigeons at \$1,500.

SEARCH FAILS TO REVEAL ANY CLUES OF BLAKELY COUGHLIN

Philadelphia, Oct. 12.—Investigation of the latest confession of August Pasquale, "The Crank," in which he is alleged to have told Maj. Lynn G. Adams, head of the state police, that he accidentally smothered Blakely Coughlin while stealing the baby from the home of its parents in Norristown last June, was continued today. Pasquale, according to Major Adams, said that, when he lifted the child from its crib, it started to cry, and that he placed it under his coat which he buttoned tightly. After making his escape and running some distance, he unbuttoned the coat and found the child dead.

Search of the woods and swamps around Egg Harbor and New Gretna, N. J., yesterday failed to reveal any trace of the child's body. It was in the neighborhood of Egg Harbor that Pasquale purchased a small farm shortly after he succeeded in obtaining \$12,000 from George Coughlin, the missing child's father on the promise to return the boy and it also was there that he was captured when he attempted to get an additional \$10,000 ransom.

The authorities stated today the investigation would be continued, but declined to say what their next move would be.

Because of the many false clues Pasquale is said to have given those working on the case since he confessed the kidnaping, neither the Norristown police, nor the Coughlins place much credence in his last story.

Magistrate O. H. Lenhart declared today that Pasquale has not yet told the truth and added:

"I cannot tell all that I know, but the real story will be out within a few days and it will be found that Blakely Coughlin is alive. I am certain of that, and expect to hear of Mrs. Coughlin making a complete identification of her baby before Friday."

CONFESSED TO KILLING TWO YOUNG DAUGHTERS

Lansing, Mich., Oct. 12.—Earl Roop a farmer living near here, today confessed according to Sheriff Silsbee, that late yesterday he chloroformed his two daughters, aged two and three years, and buried their bodies in the bed of the Red Cedar river, a short distance from his home.

The two girls, the sheriff said, had been in the fields with Roop. In the evening the farmer returned to his home and assured his wife, who was ill and in bed with her six-day old son that the girls were safe and would be home shortly.

A few hours later he started for the sheriff's office at Mason, where he surrendered and made the alleged confession.

After Roop had told his story, Sheriff's officers went to the river, led by Roop and uncovered the bodies.

Despondency, according to the alleged confession, was the motive for the crime. Roop is being held on a charge of murder.

DR. FINLAY ELECTED BISHOP COADJUTOR

Columbia, Oct. 12.—The Rev. Kirkman G. Finlay, D. D., rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Columbia, was today elected bishop coadjutor of the diocese of South Carolina. It is the plan to divide the diocese in a few years and at this time Dr. Finlay will become bishop of the upper South Carolina diocese.

The election of Dr. Finlay came on the third ballot, the Rev. A. S. Thomas, of Cheraw, getting the second highest vote. Immediately after the result of the election was announced, Bishop Guerry had the newly elected coadjutor escorted to the chancel where Dr. Finlay expressed his realization of the high honor and grave responsibilities which an acceptance of the office meant. He said he would strive with God's help to fulfill the high duties of the office.

Bishop Guerry welcomed him as a "brother, former pupil and fellow laborer."

Dr. Finlay has been rector of Trinity church since 1907 when he came here from Clemson College. He is 52 years of age and was born in Greenville. In July, 1918, he was given leave of absence for one year, serving that time as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in the A. E. F. in France.

POLISH AND RUSSIAN SOVIET DELEGATES SIGN ARMISTICE

Riga, Oct. 12.—A preliminary peace treaty and armistice was signed by the Polish and Russian Soviet peace delegates here at 7:10 o'clock tonight. The armistice actually becomes effective at midnight October 18, that is 144 hours from midnight tonight.

The announcement that peace was to be signed brought great crowds to the square surrounding the Black Head House. M. Joffe and the Bolshevik delegation entered the hall first and were followed by M. Domb-ski and the Polish delegation. About 300 persons, including the entire diplomatic body, and prominent Lettish officials crowded the small room many of them standing.

The head of the Soviet delegation described the Riga peace as "a peace without victory and without vanquished" in a brief address before the signature of the treaty. This describes the Riga argument accurately as it appeared to disinterested on-lookers. It was a peace of give and take, which those who have followed the course of events fear will not be very popular either with the book or the Poles.

But it is undoubtedly a triumph for the two chairmen who made it, and the spirit of conciliation with which they handled the explosive questions that disrupted the Minsk conference is likely to win for them the gratitude of a war-exhausted world.

The Riga armistice will put the Bolsheviks at peace with all their Baltic neighbors within 144 hours from midnight tonight and leave the Wrangel movement as the only great military operation against the Soviets.

RAILROAD RATES CAUSE WRANGLE

Washington, Oct. 12.—Conflicting opinions as to authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to increase railroad rates within a State were presented by representatives of the railroads and State commissions at the hearings of application of the roads of New York and Illinois for an order increasing intra-State fares to the level of the 20 cent advance granted for interstate traffic.

Spokesmen for the railroads contended that the transportation act made the whole rate structure of the country a matter for the consideration of the Interstate Commerce Commission and that the federal authority was no longer confined solely to the regulation of interstate traffic. State commissioners, however, argued that the commission was without authority to make blanket increases in the tariff charges within the boundaries of a State and that Congress did not broaden the power of the commission over intra-State regulation.

John E. Benton, general solicitor of the Association of Railway and Public Utilities Commissioners, told the commission that the commissioners of forty States opposed the railroads' claim "because of the momentous issue" involved. Whether State commissions are to continue to function under State laws as they have in the past is the question to be decided, he declared. The Supreme Court has clearly established, Mr. Benton contended, that prior to the passage of the transportation act, Congress did not intend to interfere with State-wide authority nor to establish any unified authority over State and interstate rates.

BANKERS TO AID FARMERS

Selma, Ala., Oct. 12.—Responding to a committee from the Dallas County branch of the American Cotton Association, bankers of this city today pledged themselves to give every assistance possible to cotton farmers of the county, and to advance from \$60 to \$80 per bale on the 1920 crop, where such cotton was stored and properly insured in bonded warehouses.

SHOTS SIX TIMES

Anderson, Oct. 11.—Charles Jones shot Berry Jones, another Negro, in Wilkesboro Sunday. Jones was brought to the Anderson county jail, all shot Jones six times and after Moore was lodged in jail to man whom he had shot died. Moore says that Jones was drinking, and when he met him began to curse him and to make threats. Both negroes are said to have very good records.

PRESBYTERIANS TO BOOST EDUCATION

Rev. C. S. Byrd, Columbia, Is Elected Moderator

LARGE FUND SUBSCRIBED

Four Institutions Will Be Benefitted By Drive Now Being Waged.

Bennettsville, Oct. 12.—The note that will be dominant throughout the session of the synod of South Carolina of the Southern Presbyterian Church which convened in annual session here today will be Christian education. Giving additional emphasis to this fact was the election of Rev. S. C. Byrd, president of Chicora College, Columbia, as moderator. The synod opened with a sermon delivered by Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, of Columbia, retiring moderator, and the election of the moderator for this session took place immediately following the sermon. The only other officer elected was Rev. H. W. Pratt, of Abbeville, as temporary clerk. Rev. Thomas H. Law is stated clerk, having served the synod in this capacity for many years.

The enrolment of delegates showed about one hundred present at the opening session and this number was largely increased during the day. The moderator appointed three members to constitute a steering committee to formulate the business of the synod, especially in the matter of bringing before the synod the various memorials presented for consideration. The several standing committees were appointed also.

The campaign now in progress in this synod for one million dollars to be used for equipment and endowment of the four institutions of learning which are owned and operated by the synod prompted the special emphasis on education at this session of the synod. Announcement will be made by those directing this campaign that more than one-half of the fund represents has been pledged, leaving a little less than \$500,000 to be secured between now and the latter part of December, the time when the campaign will close.

The institutions of learning to share in the benefits of this fund are the Presbyterian College of South Carolina for men, Thornwell Episcopalian at Chato, Columbia Theological Seminary and Chicora College for Women at Columbia. The college for men will receive \$500,000, Chicora College \$250,000 and the Theological Seminary, and endowment will receive \$250,000 each. All of these schools are in great need of money with which to enlarge and increase equipment of buildings and to increase endowment funds and, meanwhile, the schools to increase their student bodies. Some of the money being provided now to the point where it is used to refuse admission to additional students. Rev. Milton Clark of Columbia, chairman of the campaign committee, and Rev. M. E. Melvin, field secretary of the department of Christian education of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and manager of the campaign, and several of general assembly's field workers are actively engaged in the campaign. Interesting reports of missions, foreign missions and Christian education and educational relief were submitted at the afternoon session. The church membership in this synod contributed per capita for foreign missions \$149.

Mr. S. E. Harvin has been drawn of the grand jury of the United States court which convenes in Columbia November 3rd.

Mr. H. D. Dubsy has an announcement in this issue of much interest to the ladies of the church who want to save money. He is offering coats, suit and dresses at real money-saving prices.

The Civic League will meet Monday morning October 18th in the Court room at 4:30 o'clock. Please ladies, if you wish to be of service to your own or neighborhood anything that is worth while attend these meetings. Heretofore the attendance has been very poor and interest in the work of the league seems to have been lagging. Mrs. Pant our state president, could not accept our invitation to be with us this week, as previous engagements prevented her doing so, we regret this for we feel sure that a visit from her would have been very beneficial.