

PLOT TO FREE ALL CONVICTS OFFICIALS SAY

Pine Bluff Machine Gun Company Called Out by Governor of Arkansas and Sent to Farms

FOR WHOLESALE DELIVERY

Two Men Serving Life Terms for Murder Among Those Planned for Release This First.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 28.—Reliable reports of a widespread plot to free convicts in the state's penal institution were responsible for the mobilization of the Pine Bluff machine gun company of the Arkansas national guard, according to a statement tonight by Governor Brough. The plot, the governor said, was reported to him by penitentiary officials and involved plans for the release of Tom Slaughter and Fulton Green, Oklahoma outlaws, now serving life sentences for murder.

Slaughter and Green are confined at the penitentiary at Little Rock and principal precautions are to be taken there, but it was learned detachments of the Pine Bluff company also will be sent to the state farms at Tucker, where white convicts are confined, and to Cummings, where negro convicts are imprisoned. The governor's action in calling out troops followed a conference today with penitentiary and military authorities, during which it was stated the reports of the plot were given out. He said it was not known how widespread the plans may be.

No Details Given

Governor Brough declined to discuss details of the reported plot, and the plans of the state authorities to counteract it, but stated that the troops would be kept a nduty long enough to prevent the contemplated escape and make practically impossible carrying out plans for a wholesale delivery later. The governor also declined to say whether the plot included reports of outside aid to the convicts, as was the case several days ago when trustees at the penitentiary confessed that a similar plot was on foot to release Slaughter, Green and other convicts.

From other sources it was learned that the troops stationed at the penitentiary will conduct a thorough search of the convicts and the buildings within the walls for saws, weapons or other tools or materials which might be used in an escape, and under orders from the governor prohibited any visitors within the walls.

The troops detailed to Little Rock were scheduled to arrive shortly after 8 o'clock.

Six of the 12 prisoners who escaped from the state convict farm at Tucker Sunday night were reported today as surrounded on an island in the Arkansas river near Pastoria, Ark. Two of the men were recaptured shortly after the escape was staged. There was no information as to the whereabouts of the other four.

Soldiers Leave for Posts

Pine Bluff, Dec. 28.—Thirty-five members of the Pine Bluff machine gun company left here tonight in three small motor trucks. One machine gun was taken. Each man was issued 100 rounds of rifle ammunition. The men did not carry rations but took blankets. The destination was not announced, but it was believed the men would be divided into three detachments, one going to Tucker, white convict farm, one to Cummings, negro convict farm, and the third to Little Rock.

Officers at Tucker stated tonight that everything had been quiet during the night and there was nothing to indicate that inmates planned a delivery.

COTTON EXPORTS

LOW LAST MONTH

Washington, Dec. 27.—Cotton exports dropped \$90,125,900 in November as compared with the corresponding month last year, according to figures made public today by the Department of Commerce.

During November cotton valued at \$91,183,372 was exported, while a year ago the total was \$181,309,272. The figures show that in November, 357,718,716 pounds of cotton were exported while for the same period a year ago exports totalled 478,545,387 pounds.

During the eleven months ending with November cotton exports from the United States amounted to 2,765,380,860 pounds valued at \$1,044,083,523, while during the corresponding months of 1919 the total was 2,916,747,676 pounds valued at \$956,722,974.

While cotton exports for November of this year show a decided drop over the same month of last year the total for the eleven months was \$287,530,549 more than in the eleven months of 1919.

Exports of food products during November amounted to \$138,989,081, as compared with \$133,457,166 in November, 1919.

Exports of meat products last month amounted to \$39,211,997 while in November, 1919, they were valued at \$61,745,198.

Cotton seed oil sent abroad last November was valued at \$3,028,425 nearly \$1,000,000 more than in November a year ago, while for the eleven months period this year the total value was \$29,771,389. Mineral oils exported last month were valued at \$47,332,738, or about \$1,500,000 more than in November 1919.

NEWSY NOTES FROM BUSY SUMMERTON

With this our third and last chapter on the economic situation brings our series of articles on the above subject to a close and unless our mind changes our next chapter will be on law-enforcements, and being a hard-working man we do not use tack hammers in our work shops consequently in our next article we expect to use the sledge-hammer and we may jar somebody severely unless you put your nose on the back track and level down the high places and fill in the low places and straighten the crooked places. We do not expect to deal only with those who wear blue suits, brass buttons, gun and "billy toters," but shall endeavor to survey the fields of citizenship and place ourselves upon the scales of duty and see if we find ourselves "wanting."

In our last communication we endeavored to show as best we could that we were still living in a land of plenty, even if billions of our wealth appears to be locked up. The good books says, "That the crave of money is the root of all evil," and with the recent years of intense prosperity we have enjoyed we are little afraid that we were becoming a little jealous of each other's wealth; and one of the ways to prevent money-making is to "salt down" or not allow too much in circulation and when the initial move in any matter is started thousands will follow in pursuit. We remember hearing a story once about a man who desired prosperity almost above all things but was rather jealous over the prosperity of his neighbors so much so that his jealousy was very noticeable and one day he was visited by a committee and informed by them that his desire for wealth was well known to the community as well as his jealousy and they had decided that he should have whatsoever he desired, but that his neighbors should have double whatever he might select. After a week's time he reported to the committee that he had reached a decision and that was that he would have one of his eyes taken out which of course meant that both eyes of his neighbors should be taken. This seems to illustrate to some extent at least the spirit of our people during the great wave of prosperity we have passed through, almost every man wanted to be considered the most energetic, wealthiest, etc.

But with all the guessing as to what the new year or the new national administration will bring forth no one knows no more than we know. One year ago what this day brought forth but the only remedy we know is to keep fighting for a livelihood looking at all times for the better. Let us remember the story about the young rich ruler who went to Jesus on one occasion to see how he stood and Jesus told him to keep the commandments and the young ruler replied he had kept them from his youth up and you remember the Saviour told him he lacked one thing, to go and sell what he had and give to the poor. We sometimes wonder in this day of unrest from almost every angle the Saviour would tell us we lacked one thing FATTH.

Christmas passed off here reasonably quiet. While the Devil persuaded some few that the way to celebrate the birth of a Saviour to a lost world was to get drunk and humiliate their loved ones and friends. While we are glad indeed that the number who believe in such "tommyrot" are few and far between.

There were two fires in town during Christmas, the residence of Knight Stucky and the stables and warehouses of the Summerton Live Stock Company were destroyed by fire, the amount of insurance of either party is unknown to your correspondent, but it is known that both parties will suffer a considerable loss.

At the regular communication of the A. F. M. Lodge No. 105 held last Friday night the following officers were elected and installed: Charles B. Davis, W. M.; R. M. Felder, S. W.; L. B. Davis, J. W.; L. A.; Brunson, Treasurer; J. C. Lanham, Secretary; A. F. Jacobs, Jr., S. D.; C. L. Godwin, J. D.; J. M. Rowe, Sr., Steward; L. H. Godwin, Jr., Steward; E. O. Rows, Tiler.

W. J. Wilkie, Bismark Godwin and Miss Anna Wilkie spent the first of the week in Columbia.

Messrs Luke and Levene Godwin and Wesley Dingle spent the Christmas holidays with their friends at Seranton and Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bain spent the Xmas holidays with relatives in North Carolina.

Rev. D. M. McLeod, Presiding Elder of the Sumter District, supplied the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday using as his text: Matthew the sixth chapter and thirty-third verse, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Dr. McLeod very forcibly stressed the fact that there never was a time in the history of our country when the principles laid down by Jesus himself should be put into operation as today and just as we pass through the panic depressed conditions of 1897-1907 and 1914 we would pass through the present depression of today.

The schedule of the North Western has been changed and hereafter the train will lay over at Wilson mill at night and make a trip to Sumter and back each day running as a mixed train. A petition is in circulation here asking the post office at Washington to hold the Star Route man one hour later in order that we may get all

BRADHAM DUROC FARM HAS SPLENDID SALE

The second sale of the Bradham Duroc Farm was without a doubt one of the biggest events in "hogdom" that has ever occurred in Clarendon County. About 11 o'clock yesterday morning crowds began to gather in front of the spacious sales barn and at the call for dinner there were easily 250 people who passed over their plate for barbecued hog. And there was plenty of it and coffee for everyone.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the first hog was put on the block. Bidding was spirited and every animal was quickly sold. The top price paid was \$555.00 for Cherry Lady B. 3rd, she being bought by the Brigley Duroc Farm of Arkansas.

The auctioneers, Cois. Ickheart and Hengst, both of Kentucky, made their sales talks very interesting and also displayed their expert knowledge of the hog industry.

Some of the hogs offered were prize-winners at both the Atlanta and Columbia fairs. They were in the very pink of condition and showed what the proper care and feeding can do for hogs.

Forty-two hogs were offered, thirty-three of them going into the hands of Clarendon County farmers. This feature of the sale shows that our farmers are waking up to the fact that livestock, especially hogs, is going to be the salvation of the agricultural interests of the South.

Messrs. A. C. and J. I. Bradham, the owners of the Farm, are entitled to a great amount of credit for their untiring efforts in getting these hogs placed in this county. They could have had plenty of out-of-the-state purchasers, but they wanted their hogs to stay here and help make Clarendon known the country over as the "home of pure-bred Durocs;" hence the liberal terms offered at this sale. Following are the names of the purchasers and the prices paid:

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| No. 1—Leslie Tindal, Pinewood | \$145.00 |
| No. 2—R. J. Alderman, Aleolu | 180.00 |
| No. 3—R. L. Riggs, Otranto | 175.00 |
| No. 4—Stone & Francis, Louisville, Ga. | 255.00 |
| No. 5—Bryan Martin, Simpsonville | 380.00 |
| No. 6—L. D. Jennings, Sumter | 225.00 |
| No. 7—J. L. Elliott, Silver | 210.00 |
| No. 8—Marion Williams, Manning | 430.00 |
| No. 9—Appelt & Shope, Manning | 175.00 |
| No. 10—S. B. Davis, Manning | 160.00 |
| No. 11—J. H. Warren, Aleolu | 175.00 |
| No. 12—J. C. Bradham, Manning | 255.00 |
| No. 13—J. W. Perry, Aleolu | 170.00 |
| No. 14—Rufus James, Silver | 165.00 |
| No. 15—W. E. Merritt, Jordan | 150.00 |
| No. 16—Jordan Bros. McCulloch, N. C. | 195.00 |
| No. 17—Campbell & Hicklin, Sheldon, N. C. | 160.00 |
| No. 18—C. C. Bradham, Manning | 180.00 |
| No. 19—Marion Williams, Manning | 425.00 |
| No. 20—Mrs. Lizzie Briggs, Manning | 190.00 |
| No. 21—Ed Brown & John Bagnal, Manning | 500.00 |
| No. 22—Mrs. Lizzie Briggs, Manning | 110.00 |
| No. 23—Mrs. Lizzie Briggs, Manning | 235.00 |
| No. 24—Appelt & Shope, Manning | 225.00 |
| No. 25—Brigley Duroc Farm, Arkansas | 555.00 |
| No. 26—Leslie Tindal, Pinewood | 150.00 |
| No. 27—Appelt & Shope, Manning | 235.00 |
| No. 28—T. J. Lowder, Aleolu | 170.00 |
| No. 29—Leslie Tindal, Pinewood | 175.00 |
| No. 30—J. R. Eadon, Manning | 140.00 |
| No. 31—J. W. Perry, Aleolu | 75.00 |
| No. 32—H. C. Curtis, Manning | 270.00 |
| No. 33—J. F. Bradham, Manning | 135.00 |
| No. 34—Mr. Marvin, Green Pond | 150.00 |
| No. 35—Smith & Foy, Statesboro, Ga. | 160.00 |
| No. 36—J. R. Eadon, Manning | 155.00 |
| No. 37—Rufus James, Silver | 105.00 |
| No. 38—Mrs. Lizzie Briggs, Manning | 105.00 |
| No. 39—S. A. Cousar, Jordan | 145.00 |
| No. 40—W. B. Wilson, Paxville | 135.00 |
| No. 41—W. B. Wilson, Manning | 165.00 |
| No. 42—J. C. Bradham, Manning | 105.00 |
| No. 43—Stone & Francis, Louisville, Ga. | 75.00 |

mail by Star Route man, otherwise the Columbia State will not reach here until late in the afternoon.

Miss Martha Walker, who is teaching school at Pelzer, spent Christmas holiday with relatives and friends here.

A rather surprise marriage which took place during the holidays was that of Mr. W. D. McClary and Miss Maria Mood who were married in Sumter last Thursday afternoon. Both the bride and groom are very popular among the young people. They are on a honeymoon trip in "the land of flowers."

Rev. Shuford Felder and family of Loris, spent the Xmas holidays with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baskins, of Bishopville, spent their Xmas holiday with the late mother, Mrs. Briggs. "NUB"

In Memorium

ALEXANDER JOHN RICHBOURG
Jan. 12th, 1843—Dec. 10th, 1920.
Whereas, It hath pleased Almighty God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, to remove from our midst, our friend and brother, Alexander J. Richbourg,

And Whereas, In his death this community has lost one of its most useful and respected citizens,—one ever ready to co-operate to the extent of his ability and means in the furtherance of every good cause; one who, in his capacity as a County Judicial officer for a period of many years, was a power for the observance of law and order; one who, in the trying days of 1860-65, proved his valor as a soldier in behalf of the "Lost Cause"—bringing honor to himself and glory to his County and State; one who served his County and State well through the trying days of reconstruction following the war and down to the date of his death; one who was faithful to his church, who was possessed to an unusual degree of a tender and sympathetic nature, ever ready to take the initiative in any move to relieve the sorrowing, suffering and distressed,

And Whereas, Summerton Lodge No. 105 A. F. M. in his death has lost one of its oldest members—one "True and Tried" and faithful to the last—having been made a Mason and a member of Summerton Lodge No. 105 in 1867, thus rounding out an active membership of more than half a century—during which period at times when fidelity and loyalty to the Lodge constituted the test of a true mason, he was always faithful. He served the Lodge in various offices including that of Master.

Therefore, Be it Resolved:

1st. That while we deplore the death of our Brother, we bow in reverent and humble submission to the will of Him, who in the dispensation of his Providences makes no mistakes,

2nd. That in the death of our Brother this Lodge sustains a distinct loss,

3rd. That this Lodge tenders to the family of our deceased brother its heartfelt sympathy, and directs that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the family,

4th. That a page in our minute book be inscribed to his memory and that these resolutions be spread thereon.

C. M. DAVIS,
J. E. ROWE,
J. W. LESENE.

Passed December 24th, 1920.
J. C. Lanham, Secretary, Summerton Lodge No. 105 A. F. M.

YOUNG BOMB MAKER USED DICTIONARY

New York, Dec. 28.—Declaration that he "learned how to make bombs from the dictionary" and that one of his home made products killed a chum and probably fatally injured another boy and himself last Sunday was made by Herbert Bramm, a Brooklyn youth, the police said today.

Bramm, who first claimed he had found the bomb, at Bergen beach while hunting, also confessed police say, he had made other bombs and had "set them off" in an outlying district "to har the noise."

The boys were in Bramm's home unscrewing a piece of gas pipe, loaded with powder and cartridges, when it exploded, killing John McKenny, Jr., 18, and severely wounding Bramm and Paul Cladow, 17. Little hope is held at the hospital for Bramm's recovery, while Cladow has failed to recover consciousness.

LITTLE LIQUOR SOLD

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—Supervising Inspector S. R. Brame tonight declared that the amount of liquor stolen from his office in the post-office building here was negligible. He minimized a story sent out from Richmond today that the stock of liquor seized by his agents in raids virtually had been depleted by numerous thefts, and characterized the whole story as having "only a modicum of truth."

HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND PAXVILLE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Corbett will be the scene of an exceptionally beautiful wedding at 4 o'clock this afternoon when their daughter, Miss Aileen Corbett becomes the bride of Mr. Robertson, of Greenwood, S. C.

The home, in festive dress for both Christmas and the wedding, will furnish a picturesque setting for the ceremony, which will be performed by the Rev. G. W. Dakes, pastor of the Methodist church. The wedding march will be played by Miss Iva Geornings, Miss Eichel Corbett singing a number of love songs just before the ceremony.

Mr. A. B. Curtis of Anniston, Ala., spent last week at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. E. Curtis. He leaves with his family January 3rd for San Francisco, Cal., which place they will make their future home.

Mr. George Broadway, of Wagener spent the holidays with his parents near town.

The following invitation have been received by a number of friends here, "Mr. and Mrs. Luke Griggs invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Bettie Eugenia to Mr. Jefferson Griffith on Wednesday, December the twenty-ninth at six o'clock, in the evening, St. Paul's Methodist church, Sealed, S. C."

Miss Lucie Geddings of Columbia College is here for the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Geddings.

Rev. T. B. Owen of Chesterfield is spending awhile with Mr. Reynolds Owens, and Mrs. N. G. Broadway.

Miss Ruby Quick of Pageland who has been in the employ of the firm of Eadon & Wilson left for her home on last Wednesday.

Mr. P. C. Bradham of Mullins is on a short visit with his sister, Mrs. L. Weinberg.

Misses Iva Geddings, and Ethel Corbett, teachers of the Spencer, N. C., city schools are here for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Sid Wise of Pamlico is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. S. Broadway near town.

Mr. C. K. Curtis, of Chesterfield came Saturday for a stay at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

Mr. Wash Broadway of Monk's Corner, and Miss Una Broadway of Sumter spent Christmas at their father's, Mr. J. E. Broadway.

Mr. Walter Dennis and family of Kingstree are visiting at the home of Mr. B. W. Cutter.

COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION DAY

Governor Cooper having proclaimed the 3rd, day of January next, as Cotton Acreage Reduction Day, in South Carolina, a meeting is hereby called, to meet in the Court House in Manning on next Monday, the 3rd, day of January, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of taking steps to reduce the acreage of cotton in 1921.

Similar action is being taken in all the cotton States of the nation.

It is the opinion of some of the best business men of the country that a flat reduction of fifty per cent in the cotton acreage for 1921 throughout the entire cotton belt will cause the cotton that is being now held to bring a fair price, and also the cotton which will be made in 1921 to bring a reasonable price.

All farmers, bankers, merchants, and business men of the County are expected to attend this important meeting. The members of the Cotton Association in the various townships are urged to be present as the officers of the County Cotton Association will be elected at this meeting, as well as other matters transacted.

W. C. Davis, President.
J. M. Wigham, Secretary.
Cotton Association.

DEATH OF W. T. P. SPROTT

Died last Saturday night at his home in Foreston, Mr. W. T. P. Sprott, aged 60 years. The deceased was one of Clarendon's best citizens, and a member of the House of Representatives from this county. He is survived by a widow, two daughters and five sons. The funeral was held in the Foreston cemetery Monday morning. In the death of Mr. Sprott this community has lost a good friend—a man that always gave a helping hand to the needy. He was the originator of the Clarendon county fair, and took great interest in all public affairs. He was an able law-maker and his seat will be hard to fill in the legislature. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

SUFFRAGISTS TO MEET

Atlanta, Dec. 28.—The first large gathering of women suffragists in the South since the enfranchisement of women will be held in Atlanta February 8 and 9, when the Third regional conference of the National League for Women Voters will convene here, it was announced today. The Third region includes the District of Columbia, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee. Problems confronting the new voters will be discussed by prominent women from all the states in the region.

PROBABLE CABINET MEMBERS NAMED

Charles E. Hughes Stated for Secretary of State?

NO DEFINITE DECISIONS

C. G. Dawes, J. W. Weeks, Will Hays, Henry Wallace And Hoover Mentioned.

Marion, Dec. 28.—After weeks of consideration and consultation, President-elect Harding is nearing a decision on several of his most important cabinet appointments.

It may be said authoritatively that so far no such decision has been made and that any suggestions he may have dropped on the subject have been of a tentative and indefinite nature. It is equally certain, however, that in his talks here with leaders in many walks of life he has indicated clearly what men are uppermost in his mind as he asks for advice on the make-up of his official family.

Those who have discussed the question with him intimately believe that appointments under very serious consideration include the following:

List of Probabilities

Charles E. Hughes, of New York, Secretary of State; Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, Secretary of the Treasury; John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Navy; Will H. Hays, of Indiana, Postmaster General or Secretary of the Interior; Henry Wallace of Iowa, Secretary of Agriculture; Herbert Hoover, of California, Secretary of Labor, and Harry M. Daugherty, Attorney General.

How many of these actually will be given the places for which they now are most prominently mentioned is a question that even Mr. Harding himself is not yet prepared to answer. Already several shifts have been made in his tentative appointment slate as he has worked his way to a balanced and harmonious cabinet and other changes are expected before the last decision is made.

It is certain that for several of the places mentioned the President-elect has more than one man under consideration and that the list of seven possibilities given here is far from complete. In regard to most of the cabinet posts decisions may be deferred for several weeks, and the intervening period of deliberation may change the whole face of the problem and make one guess at the present moment as good as another.

Other Names Mentioned

Mr. Harding's selections for Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury, however, are expected to be known definitely within a few days. At the same time he may make public the name of one or two others on whom he has definitely decided for membership in the cabinet.

Aside from the seven names mentioned, recent gossip about Harding headquarters has brought to the fore the names of several possibilities who hitherto had been in the background of cabinet speculation. Among these are Joseph Dixon, of Montana, prominently mentioned for Secretary of the Interior; Charles D. Hilles, of New York, discussed for Secretary of Commerce and the Treasurer; and A. T. Hert, of Kentucky, who's name has been associated with the portfolio of war.

WADE THOMAS IS LYNCHED

Jonesboro, Ark., Dec. 28.—Wade Thomas, the negro who last night shot and killed Elmer Ragland, a policeman here during a raid on a dice game was taken from the jail here tonight by a mob of about 600 citizens and after being paraded through the business streets of the town, was hung to a telegraph pole near the scene of his crime. The body was then riddled.

Thomas was arrested early today at Hoxie, Ark., and was brought to jail here. Arrangements had been made to call a special session of the grand jury on Monday to handle the case promptly.

The mob went about its work quietly the leaders demanding admission from the jailer, who after urging that the law be allowed to take its course, turned over the keys. Thomas was taken from his cell and with a rope around his neck was paraded for several blocks through the central part of the town by the members of the mob. The rope was thrown over the cross-arm of a telegraph pole, and after the negro was apparently dead, the body was riddled with bullets. The mob immediately dispersed and the town is quietly tonight. A number of other negroes held in the jail in connection with the shooting of Ragland were not molested.

Before being taken from the jail, Thomas admitted shooting the policeman, but claimed self-defense, as the officer was firing at him, he said.

AMERICANS HELD UP

Washington, Dec. 28.—An unexplained refusal of the Bolshevik authorities to permit them to proceed caused a few Americans who had almost succeeded in leaving Soviet Russia to be returned to Petrograd, according to advices received today at the state department from Baltic sources. Reports to the department earlier in the day were that the Americans and several persons of British and other nationality had been permitted to move toward the frontier with the object of leaving the country.