

## IN SHADOW OF CHAIR; ESCAPES.

Aleas Cooler, Sentenced to Die for Muredi, Makes Get-away.

The News and Courier of Wednesday says:

Aleas Cooler, white, convicted of murder and sentenced to be electrocuted, but whose appeal is pending in the supreme court, escaped from the Jasper county jail at Ridgeland early last night and at an early hour this morning had not been recaptured, although Sheriff Langford reported, that he was using every effort to bloodhounds, which he had wired to Columbia for, to reach Ridgeland this morning.

Learning that Cooler had made his escape, the News and Courier got in communication over the long distance telephone with Sheriff Langford at Ridgeland, who freely gave all information in his possession regarding the affair.

According to Sheriff Langford Cooler and another white prisoner, E. F. Jacobs, the latter held on charges of fraud, planned yesterday to make their escape last night at supper time. This statement was made to the sheriff by Jacobs, who failed to get away. The prisoners are turned out of their cells into a hall between the cells at meal times.

## The Attack and Escape.

There are now four prisoners in the Ridgeland jail and the sheriff said all of them were in the jail yesterday afternoon and that he talked with them. He stated that when Jailer W. A. Munch carried supper to the prisoners he opened the outside door, supposing that the four men were in the hall, but, it seems that only two were there, the other two, one of whom was Will Davis, convicted of murder along with Cooler, being locked in their cells.

When the jailer put the supper down Jacobs grabbed him by the arm and told him not to move or make a sound or he (Jacobs) would kill him. Jailer Munch obeyed instructions. In the meantime, Cooler had dashed through the door, down the stairs and out into the jail yard. Jacobs locked the jailer in the hall and attempted to follow Cooler, but got only as far as the door, down stairs, which by that time had been locked by Mrs. Munch, wife of the jailer. Jacobs then went back upstairs and released the jailer.

The sheriff was immediately notified and search was begun for the escaped condemned man, but without success at last reports received early this morning.

## The Killing and Trial.

The killing of W. D. Thomas, a woods rider for the Okeetee Hunting club, occurred December 20, last, and early in March Cooler and Davis were placed on trial charged with murder. The case was hard fought. The evidence against the two men was considered very damaging. Each defendant was accused by the other of firing the fatal shot. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree in three and a half hours. Judge Ernest Moore, presiding, sentenced the two men to be electrocuted on April 6. An appeal to the supreme court stayed the execution of the sentence. An opinion has not yet been handed down in this case.

Sheriff Langford described Cooler as weighing about 225 pounds, gray eyes, bald headed, and about 35 years of age.

## CONSTANTINE Abdicates.

## Upon Demand of Allied Countries, Greek King Steps Down.

Athens June 12.—The fall of Constantine I, King of the Hellenes, has come, in response to the demand of the protecting powers, France, Great Britain and Russia, he abdicated today in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander.

This climax in the affairs of Greece was brought about through the agency of the French Senator, M. Jonnart, who has held posts in several French cabinets, and who arrived at Athens only a day or two ago on a special mission as the representative of France, Great Britain and Russia. M. Jonnart had previously visited Saloniki and other points, and he lost no time in getting into conference with the Greek premier, Alexander Zaimis. The demands of the powers representing the abdication of King Constantine also specifically eliminated Crown Prince George as his successor, the Crown Prince being included among those Greeks in official life who were considered strongly pro-German.

## To Leave Country.

Both the former King and Prince George, it was announced today by Premier Zaimis, intend to leave the country immediately. It is reported that they will embark on a British warship and proceed to Switzerland by way of Italy. It is presumed Prince Alexander will take up his kingly duties with full acceptance of the ideas which the protecting powers desire to be put into effect in the government of Greece during

## KIDNAPPED CHILD KILLED.

Body of Baby Keet Found Dead in Well on Abandoned Farm.

Springfield, Mo., June 8.—A message was received at the Republican office at 11 o'clock that the seven prisoners held in the Keet abduction case were captured at Caplinger's Hill, two miles east of Stockton, and were on their way to Springfield. Not less than 12,000 people are on the square awaiting word from the posse.

Persons on the street are carrying ropes and awaiting the return of the prisoners, which was said to be expected between midnight and 1 o'clock.

## Baby Was Drowned by Kidnappers.

Springfield, Mo., June 9.—Baby Lloyd Keet was found dead today. The child had been drowned in a well on an abandoned farm at least four days ago, according to the findings of an autopsy when the band of kidnappers who took him from his home Wednesday night of last week began to fear capture.

Tonight scores of Springfield men in automobiles were hurrying in pursuit of the county sheriff's automobile, in which seven persons suspected of conspiracy in the kidnapping were being taken to the State prison. The pursuers have declared their intention of taking summary vengeance.

The body was wrapped in the pink blanket which was upon his bed the night he was stolen. A woman's skirt too was wrapped around the body and was the only evidence left by those who threw the body into the well.

J. Holland Keet, the wealthy father, was given but one opportunity to ransom his son. Shortly after the kidnapping Mr. Keet received an anonymous letter directing him to proceed in automobile alone through a certain country district, the coming night. When he observed a lighted lantern by the roadside the letter directed he was to drive on for a while, return and exchange \$6,000 for the child.

But that night a tornado descended on the county. Nevertheless, the anxious father started on his journey, followed by friends in other automobiles, and though he drove until dawn he did not receive the signal.

## No Lagging in Search.

From day to day the search grew more minute. The county authorities bent every energy in their effort to catch the kidnappers and to save the child.

This city, knowing that little Lloyd Keet had been killed, was aroused tonight as it has not been for many years. As a result authorities were taking every precaution to prevent violence. No secret was made of the feeling and threats of lynching were heard openly.

Mrs. Keet, the baby's mother, was on the verge of a complete breakdown tonight, physicians said. The father was grief stricken. Mr. Keet repeatedly had offered to pay any ransom demanded and promised at one time not to press the prosecution if the baby should be returned to him.

## Suspects Did Not Confess.

Springfield, Mo., June 10.—A mob of Springfield citizens, but on avenging the abduction and murder of fourteen months old Lloyd Keet early today forced Sheriff Webb to give up six suspects, swung one of them to a tree in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain a confession, and later returned them all to the sheriff's custody unharmed, according to the sheriff.

Affairs in Greece, which several times since the outbreak of the war had seemed on the verge of a settlement, recently had taken on such an aspect of uncertainty that it became necessary for the powers to act with decision.

## MASTER'S SALE.

Pursuant to a Decree issued out of the Court of Common Pleas for Bamberg county in the case of the Standard Serial Building & Loan Association against Mary McKenzie, et al., I, the undersigned Judge of Probate and Master for said county, will offer for sale in front of the court house door, at Bamberg, S. C., on the First Monday in July, the same being the second day in said month, 1917, between the legal hours of sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

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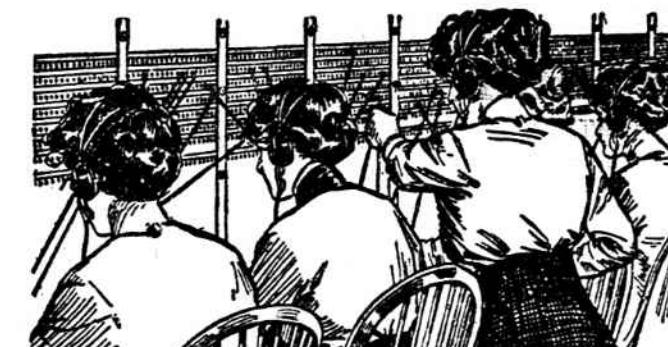


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