

TRAGIC DEATH
OF YOUNG LAD

Walterboro, Dec. 5.—The tragic death of Raymond Maxcey of Williams, in upper Colleton county, has cast a feeling of sadness over the entire community. This tragedy occurred at the home of W. F. Jones Wednesday afternoon. The youth had gone to spend the night with a schoolmate, J. K. Grayson, and Mrs. Grayson had sent the two boys on an errand to Mr. Jones' home. Arriving at this home, young Maxcey noticed a gun in a rack over the door and asked Jesse Jones to let him look at it. In some manner the gun was discharged as the Jones boy was handing it to the Maxcey boy, and the lead took away the entire front part of the face, entering near the temple. The boy lived from 6 o'clock in the afternoon until 11:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were both away from home at the time the tragedy occurred.

The funeral and interment took place at Smoaks Baptist church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. M. J. Kyzer conducting the services.

Young Raymond Maxcey was in many respects a remarkable boy. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Maxcey, and was a leader in his grade in school, the sixth. He was a manly youth and was a favorite in the community. The Williams rural graded school was closed Thursday out of respect for the boy. Raymond Maxcey, J. E. Grayson and Jesse Jones were boon companions. The mothers of the three boys are all prostrated with grief.

The jury of inquest exonerated the Jones boy from all blame, and pronounced the death accidental.

MASTERS SALES
HERE YESTERDAY

In the case of Mrs. D. L. Rice vs. R. V. Gist, two lots in the town of Carlisle. Purchased by Mrs. R. V. Gist for \$1,500.

Citizens National Bank vs. A. B. Brannon, one lot located on West Main street. Bought by Citizens National Bank for \$725.

Dr. J. J. Lindsey vs. Albert McGowan, one tract of land on Cooper river containing 160 acres, bought by Kelton Mercantile Co. for \$2,450.

L. P. Crawford vs. J. B. Richards, three tracts of land containing about 700 acres. Bought by J. B. Richards for \$10,600.

Peoples Building & Loan Association vs. Judge Little. One house and lot located on West End, Union. Bought by R. L. McNally for \$525.

Jno. T. Meador, et al. vs. Agnes M. Meador, et al. One plantation, known as the M. B. Meador home place, containing 409 acres. Bought by J. F. and M. E. Meador for \$14,000.

A. B. Lawson vs. Clara Alexander Smith, et al. Two tracts of land totalling 69 acres, located at Coleraine. Bought by J. G. Sumner and A. B. Lawson for \$935.

Ex Parte Brock-Morgan Automobile Co. jartition. One lot located on North Mountain street, known as lot No. 2 of the J. Clough Wallace property. Bought by Nicholson Bank & Trust Co. for \$1,100.

J. A. Brown, plaintiff, vs. Goforth, et al, as trustees Union Lodge Loyal Order Moose. One brick store building in the Townsend block, and adjoining the Bailey Builders Supply Co.'s building. Bought by J. A. Brown for \$4,600.

The total sales aggregated the sum of \$36,870.

This was one of the biggest sales day ever known in Union. In addition to the real estate sold as above stated there were numerous sales of personal property. Mules, wagons, horses and all sort of farm implements and products.

North Carolina
Solons Meet Today

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—North Carolina legislature began its special session today.

Watson Files Charges
Against Agent in Savannah

Washington, Dec. 6.—Further charges of the irregularity in the conduct of the liquor raids in Savannah were filed by Senator Watson against the general prohibition agent, Henry, to be investigated by the international revenue bureau, so Commissioner Blair said.

"The Irish Free State"

Birmingham, England, Dec. 6.—Ireland will be known officially as "the Irish free state," so Lord Chancellor Birkenhead announced.

A determined effort is being made to ban the Ku Klux Klan. The day is past when night hood was in flower. —Cynthiana (Ky.) Democrat.

After an automobile driver has raced a train to the railway crossing and lost, he never tries it again. —Chicago Daily News.

HIGH VALUE ON
STORED COTTON

"More than \$30,000,000 worth of cotton is now stored in the warehouses in the state system," J. Clifton Rivers, warehouse commissioner, said yesterday in speaking of the big business the state system is handling this year. "The state warehouse system has developed into one of the biggest businesses of the country," Mr. Rivers continued. "At present we have more than 1,000 bonded employees and are operating more than 1,000 units or warehouses with cotton valued at more than \$30,000,000."

"By calculation made on October 15 it was shown that the value of the cotton on storage at that time had increased \$7,500,000 since the cotton was placed in the warehouses. This was carried at a minimum cost to the people who are using the department."

During November the number of bales of cotton stored increased by 33,857 over the first day of November. Last year a total of approximately 500,000 bales were handled by the system.

A great increase in the number of the larger warehouses entered into the state system is shown in the November business. This is attributed to the fact that the state warehouse receipts are being used more extensively in obtaining loans through the war finance corporation and other financial agencies, because of the easy facilities they afford for such purposes and because they are approved by the war finance corporation.—The State.

Rural Policemen Busy

Rural Policemen Thos. McDaniel and Victor Lawson and Sam Garner found 300 gallons of "mash," several empty barrels on the Ed. Littlejohn place. They also found a 100-gallon capacity still near Kelton. Every day the rural policemen are capturing and destroying "mash," "stills" and destroying outfits.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Fowler, Union, Route 5, announce the birth of a daughter, December 2nd.

Santa Claus Club

The Santa Claus club got a liberal contribution yesterday from Circle No. 1 of the First Baptist church and the committee feels deeply grateful.

The Little Empty Stockings are so appealing that it is impossible to turn down the call. Won't you help a little? A small bit from everybody goes a long, long way, and this year Santa Claus will have to scrimp terribly to get around.

Please!

Cash \$1.00
Circle No. 1, First Baptist church 7.60

Honor Roll Meador School

Seventh Grade—Vera Johns, Minnie Kimbrell, Frances Crosby, Fred Crosby.

Sixth Grade—Leone Crosby.

Fourth Grade—Walter Crosby, Emma Kimbrell.

Second Grade—Melvin Meador, Grace Pant.

First Grade—Willard Jenkins.

City Council Abolishes
Office of Recorder

At a meeting of the city council held Dec. 3, the following resolution was moved and carried: "After full discussion, it was moved and carried by city council that, effective Dec. 6, 1921, the office of recorder for city of Union be abolished, and that the police court revert back to the mayor."

Judge J. M. Greer, who has filled the office of recorder, was notified of the action of the council by Clerk W. D. Arthur yesterday.

Mayor Morgan this morning resumed the position of trial judge in the police court.

Father of Dead Man
Will Resume Testimony

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—J. D. Kennedy, father of J. Belton Kennedy, for whose murder Arthur C. Burch is on trial, was expected to resume testifying and the identity of more letters alleged to have been written to his son by Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, who is indicted with Burch.

Lloyd George Again
Cancels Trip to U. S.

London, Dec. 6.—Lloyd George has announced that his Washington trip will be cancelled because of the early meeting of parliament to act on the Irish settlement, it is stated.

Miss Annie Tinsley was the guest of friends at Ware Shoals last week.

The forests of Florida contain 175 different kinds of wood.

Leonardo da Vinci designed the first real parachute in 1500.

GOVERNORS BEGIN
ANNUAL SESSION

Charleston, Dec. 5.—Addresses on "Agricultural Credits" by Gov. Samuel McKelzie of Nebraska, and "Agreements by States Under the United States Constitution," by Representative Merrill Moores of Indiana, and on "National Home Making Through Reclamation" by Frederick Haynes Newell consulting engineer of the reclamation service, were heard by the house of governors in its first business conference here tonight.

Governor McKelzie emphasized the financial worries of the farmers of the country, explaining they were due to the process of deflation in such degree as to lay the farmer prostrate. The farmer should be encouraged to borrow money for his needs on the same basis as all others, he said, adding that this situation has never obtained because the farmers lack liquid assets. He told the governors how the state of Nebraska was assisting its farmers in the borrowing of money.

Representative Moores cited instances where lack of a uniformity in state laws was injurious in various directions. He suggested that cooperative legislation was the apparent remedy for overcoming some of the defects that are prevalent in this country whereby men escape unscathed after commission of crime and whereby some property is taxed several times. He said that until the states "through cooperative legislation or some course took up the slack, some pieces of injustice and inequality would continue."

Mr. Newell asked the interest of the governors in legislation looking to reclamation of lands in various parts of the union, for the purpose of giving men an opportunity of owning land. He declared that farms should be looked upon as producers of men rather than of wealth.

Gov. J. B. A. Robertson presided at the night session. Two business sessions of the house of governors will be held tomorrow. Wednesday night the governors leave for Washington, where Thursday they will be guests of President and Mrs. Harding.

Proposals Upon Which
Agreement Was Reached

London, Dec. 5.—The evening standard says the government's proposals upon which the Irish agreement was reached early to provide for the Irish free state withdrawal of all military forces in Ireland and safeguards insuring peaceful conditions. The Central News says the definite promises of the allegiance to the empire by the Sinn Fein provided an agreement is satisfactory to the king. Copy of the modified terms, which is subject to the action of the British parliament and the Dail Eireann, was sent to Premier Sir James Craig of Lister. Agreement is formal, detailed and a conclusive document, not requiring the consent of Ulster. The Ulster is given the option of the withdrawal in a month reverting to the present status in a territory to be determined by the boundary commission.

Official Circle
Reserve Comment
Belfast, Dec. 6.—The official circles have reserved comment until the terms of the Irish agreement are made known.

Wreck of Philadelphia
And Reading Trains

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Twenty-three bodies, many charred beyond recognition, were taken from the wreckage of the Philadelphia and Reading passenger trains which crashed yesterday near Bryn Athyn. Several others are missing. The railroad officials and public service commissioners and the coroner are investigating.

Meeting Postponed

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church has postponed their meeting until further notice.

The Trial of the Robbers

The B. Y. P. U. of Mon-Aetna church will go to Buffalo Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Buffalo Baptist church to present "The Trial of the Robbers." The public is invited.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

	Open	Close
January	17.45	17.25
March	17.41	17.25
May	7.06	16.94
July	16.60	16.54
December	17.50	17.39

N. Y. Spots 17.70

Local market 16.50

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murphy, of Denver, Colorado, arrived Thursday evening to spend sometime with Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Maddox and Misses Bessie and Edith Murphy of this city.

Patrick, S. C.

I'm visiting my sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Byrd of Patrick, I left Union November 18th, which is two weeks ago today, and I'm having a fine time.

Most of the farmers raise long staple cotton here, but its like short staple, it isn't bringing very much. I'm much concerned over her situation.

FOCH TO OCCUPY
LAFAYETTE CHAIR

Greenwood, Dec. 5.—The identical chair in which Marquis de Lafayette sat during a reception in Columbia in 1825 will be occupied by Marshal Foch when he visits Greenwood Friday, according to an announcement received today by Ernest Rosenberg, commander of the Greenwood post of the American Legion, from Morris C. Lumpkin, state commander.

Mr. Lumpkin wrote Mr. Rosenberg that J. R. Allen of Columbia, the owner of the chair, had offered to bring it to Greenwood for the welcoming ceremony. The famous old relic is now the property of Mr. Allen.

The Knights of Columbus of South Carolina will also present Marshal Foch with a memorial.

Work began today on the erection of an immense arch of triumph over Maxwell avenue, through which Marshal Foch will pass on his way from the train to the platform in the center of the business district where the formal exercises will be held.

Greenville, Anderson, Abbeville, Laurens and Gaffney have already notified the local police department that a request for two police officers in uniform from each town will be granted. Greenville's mayor, H. C. Harvey, notified the local police department that he would come and bring Chief of Police J. H. Smith, in addition to the other two patrolmen. A large number of extra police officers will be sworn in and every member of the local post of the American Legion will be given police authority to help handle the crowds.

Indian Princess, Oyapela
Gives Concert

The second number of the Alkahest Lyceum Course, which consisted of Oyapela and Company, was most enthusiastically received by a large audience last evening at the High school.

Oyapela is a beautiful brunette, and her dancing was wonderful in its grace and the interpretations of the different ceremonies of her tribe were convincing and instructive.

The children were enraptured with her special readings to them.

Oyapela has a splendid support in the violinist, Miss Weinstock, and the pianist, Miss Burton, who both did splendid work.

The first two numbers of this Lyceum course have been of the very highest type, and the public is assured of the same good record being made by the other three numbers to come later.

A Beautiful Party

Mrs. Thomas L. Estes entertained yesterday afternoon at her home on Douglass Heights at a beautiful party and 40 matrons and maids enjoyed the occasion. The home was thrown en suite and decorated with ferns, holly and red roses, suggestive of the Christmas season and tables for bridge were placed in the parlor and living room. The score cards were hand-painted holly berries tied with red ribbons and the hostess served chicken salad, lettuce, pickles, hot biscuits, coffee, whipped cream and sherbet. She was assisted in dispensing gracious hospitality by Mrs. Nathan Shapiro, Mrs. J. T. Bradley and Mrs. V. R. Hawkins, and the guests departed voicing the opinion that this was one of the most beautiful and delightful parties Union ever had.

Villa is Again Leading

Mexico City, Dec. 5.—Francisco Villa, one time bandit, has taken the leadership of an agrarian league in the Laguna cotton district in the state of Durango where wide unemployment has given rise to some disturbances, according to advices received here.

Court Convened This Morning

Civil court convened here this morning, Judge Jno. S. Wilson presiding.

The first case tried was J. B. Edwards vs. W. H. Rasor, and resulted in a consent verdict for \$475.

The case being tried as we go to press is C. E. Sparks, trustee, vs. Union Manufacturing & Power Co.

Miss Lewis Goes to Greenville

Miss Evelyn Lewis, who has been manager of the local office of Southern Bell Telephone company, has been transferred from this office to Greenville and left this morning to assume her duties.

During the short while Miss Lewis was here, she made numerous of friends who regret to see her leave.

Shantung Question
Before Conference

Washington, Dec. 6.—The sub-committee deliberations of the session on conference of Japanese and Chinese delegations of the Shantung question are the only scheduled activities of the armaments conference program.

World War Pensions
Total \$259,000,000

Washington, Dec. 6.—Disbursements for pensions growing out of the wars preceding the world war totalled almost \$250,000,000 during the fiscal year which ended June 30, says the annual report of the commissioner of pensions. This is \$45,000,000 over the year preceding but \$6,000,000 under the appropriation. The total number of pensioners are 566,000.

GERMANY GAINS
MORE TIME

Paris, Dec. 5 (By the Associated Press).—Germany will probably be granted a three years' delay in her cash indemnity payments, the Associated Press is informed from the most reliable source. Negotiations are now on between reparations officers of France and Great Britain and the responsible officials of both countries virtually agree that Germany must be given a breathing spell. All that remains to be done is to work out a scheme acceptable to both countries.

The suggestion of a three year moratorium has been abandoned at the earnest solicitation of France. The French representative explained that the word moratorium was especially offensive to the French people in connection with the indemnity inasmuch as it was understood as meaning complete suspension of payments of all kinds.

The greatest progress has been made in the last few days in bringing the French and British view points together; the result of this progress has been the decision to give Germany a chance to regain a normal status.

No Future Evasion.

The reparations holiday can not be used by Germany as a means of evading all future payments of indemnity, French officials explained, but it is being considered so that Germany will be better able at the end of two or three years to fulfill her reparation obligations, and she then must be prepared to pay in full a "reasonable indemnity."

The whole problem will be formally placed before the reparations commission when the German reply to the last reparation note is received, probably at the end of this week. In the meantime the officials are working hard to reach a common plan of action. Numerous suggestions are under consideration. One, which is receiving considerable French support, involves a written guaranty by Germany that:

(1) The budget will be balanced; (2) no capital shall be exported to foreign countries; (3) there shall be no policy of retaining capital in foreign countries; (4) the raising of a loan, a portion of which is to go to the reparations commission; (5) continuation and probable increase during the period of delay of payments of kind.

Allied Control Body.

Such a plan would set up an allied control commission in Berlin to supervise budgetary reforms and have broadening powers to effect other financial changes.

It is declared that there are no longer any insurmountable difficulties between the two countries on the reparations policy. Officials representing France and Germany, who are in a position to know the real facts, understand that Germany can not meet the payments beyond those scheduled for January and February next. As to these, France is not greatly concerned, for it is asserted, under the allied agreement, France is not to receive one cent of cash in kind in these installments.

The Associated Press is informed that the supreme council probably will consider the new situation created at a meeting to be held within five or six weeks, when France probably will make a formal demand for a new distribution of the first billion of the indemnity paid last August.

Council Annuls Decree

Moscow, Dec. 5.—The Council of People's Commissars has published a decree annulling the former practice of paying all unemployed or disabled workers in both money and food.

By the new decree only those workers in industries for three years past will receive an allowance which, for the first class, will be full minimum pay and, for the second class, one half of the minimum pay.

The government is not making any unemployment allowance for the thousands of government employees now being discharged.

Canadian Voters
Go to the Polls

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 6.—The Canadian voters are electing 235 representatives to the fourteenth parliament. The tariff is the chief issue.

Miss Vera Farr of Brown's Creek is visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Byrd, of Patrick, S. C.

LANDIS SLUGS
GREAT SLUGGER

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The "bad news" for Babe Ruth, world's champion home run hitter with the New York Yankees, broke today.

Ruth was fined his world's series prize, amounting to \$3,362.26, and suspended until May 20 of the 1922 season by Judge Landis, commissioner of baseball, for participating in exhibition games following the close of the world's series.

Outfielder Bob Meusel and Pitcher William Pierce, also members of the pennant winning Yankees, who participated in the barnstorming trip with Ruth, drew substantially the same penalty. Piecher Pierce's fine was \$100 less than the other two players, as his share of the world's series was that much less than the other players.

The suspension of Ruth for at least the first month of the American league pennant race practically means, baseball observers pointed out tonight, that the New York slugger will have little chance of breaking his home run record next season. Under the ruling Ruth may apply for reinstatement May 20.

The decision which, in the baseball world, rests as the most important Judge Landis has made since he became commissioner, was made after two months' deliberation. After the players gave up their tour, Judge Landis sent each a questionnaire asking their reasons for violating the rules of organized baseball.

The rule, enacted in 1911, forbids a member of a team competing in the world's championship series from participating in any exhibition games after the close of the series. Ruth replied to the questionnaire, but neither of the others answered it.

Judge Landis, in his decision, said the offending players "willfully and definitely violated the rule and that the situation involved not merely rule violation," but rather a malicious defiance intended by the players to present this question, "Which is the bigger—baseball or any individual in baseball?"

Sedalia

Sedalia, Dec. 5, 1921

Lowndes J. Browning, of Union, was out our way last week on business.

Con and Luther Bishop, of Woodruff, were down here on business last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hollis and children, of Cross Keys, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. T. J. Alverston.

Miss Edith Castles, one of the Sedalia teachers, attended the marriage of her brother in Columbia last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Chaney spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett, of Cross Keys, and were accompanied home by Miss Carrie Bennett, who spent several days with them.

Rev. D. C. Gregory, of Whitmire, will preach his first sermon to his congregation of Quaker Methodist church next third Sunday morning, Dec. 18th, at 11 o'clock in the Sedalia school building. The public is invited.

Rev. Snyder, of Woodruff, preached for the Padgett Creek congregation yesterday afternoon.

The William M. Gist chapter U. D. C. held a delightful meeting with Mrs. R. W. Chaney last Friday afternoon. The chapter will hold its January meeting with Mesdames J. R. Whitmire and Rosa W. Bishop, at their home in Cross Keys. The chapter is planning a box supper to be given Wednesday night, December 28th, in the Sedalia school building. Besides the boxes, home-made candy and cakes will be sold.

There will be a regular communication of the Cross Keys chapter O. E. S. next Saturday, in the Masonic hall at Cross Keys.

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Attention

On Thursday, Dec. 8th, we want all the men and boys of Sardis, Hebron and Mt. Vernon, or anywhere else, to meet early at the home of our old friends, Miss Mary Jane Clarke and Mrs. Francis Foster, near Mount Vernon.

We would like to finish cutting up their wood supply, and other things for their comfort. Please bring sharp axes and a few wagons.

This fill be a fine Christmas gift, and to Christ Himself.

Judge Wilson of Manning, who is presiding over the court this week, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bobo on South Church street.

PRISONERS WORK
CLEVER TRICK

Penitentiary officials yesterday frustrated an attempted escape when C. D. Cooper and Harry Gates, two of the most desperate prisoners within the walls, were found hiding in the tuberculosis hospital attic. Their discovery was made about 10 o'clock yesterday morning following an all Sunday night vigil in an effort to find the prisoners.

The trick used by Gates and Cooper was one of the cleverest yet found by prison officials and the men might have made good their escape, but for the determination of Capt. C. C. Roberts, head of the guard. The men were found between the ceiling and the attic floor, having sawed a hole through the top floor and crawled under. So neat was the job that it would have been practically impossible to locate Gates and Cooper if Captain Roberts had not suspected they were in the hospital.

Cooper, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Nick Dulica in Marlboro county, was missed Sunday afternoon when his brother called at the penitentiary to see him.

In the search for Cooper, Harry Gates, serving eight years for robbery at Spartanburg was also missed. A search was begun immediately by Captain Roberts and extra guards were placed at the hospital late in the afternoon when that building was suspected as the hiding place. Lights were placed around the building and also one at the wall where Jack Fields climbed over, this spot being rather dark. An all night watch failed to locate the men and yesterday morning at daylight Captain Roberts and several guards began an inch by inch search of the hospital building.

Hole Through Floor.

They found where the two men had sawed a hole through the floor and in a few seconds Gates and Cooper were brought from under the flooring. The place selected by the men is ideal as the attic floor is of tarred and graveled material on the top of the regular floor and grooved flooring. The men cut through this tarred and graveled material and then sawed through the wood, beveled edged fashion. After they were under the flooring the hole was covered up with sawed pieces, the loose gravel and tar being thrown over the hole exactly as over the entire floor. This would indicate that they had a confederate working with them.

The two men had with them plenty of food and water to last a week. They had numerous cans of food, a gallon or more of water, ropes, strings, and other material to assist them in getting out of the prison. Following their discovery they were placed in the main cell building and will wear stripes for a while. Gates and Cooper are both said to be "bad men."

That they had a confederate in the job is practically certain and Captain Roberts has one or two men spotted as being implicated in the attempted escape. He is investigating every angle of the case.

Several peculiar incidents are connected with the affair. Cooper sent his suit case home last Saturday and his brother called to see him Sunday, this call leading to the discovery that the man was missing. In the list of things found with the two men was a letter from Atlanta signed "Mattie."

While searching for Gates and Cooper Captain Roberts and the guards also found where Jack Fields, who made good his escape last week, had hidden out. The work of Fields was also exceptionally clever. When the hiding place of Fields was found Captain Roberts first thought he had located Cooper and Gates. Fields dug a hole in the ground in a little shop adjoining the chair factory and made a wooden top to fit in the hole. The hole ran into a part of an abandoned sewer line about eight feet long and this furnished Fields with ample room.—The State.