

DECKERS' SLAYER PUT TO DEATH

Key West, Fla., Dec. 26.—Manuel Head, who, barricaded in a house last night stood off a mob of armed Key West citizens after he had shot and killed William H. Decker, was taken from the county jail this morning by another crowd and riddled with bullets.

Two Fires in Union

Union had two small fires Sunday morning shortly after midnight. At 12:30 o'clock the J. F. McLure Dry Goods company was discovered to be on fire. A table of underwear was in a blaze.

How About This?

Sam Wix has set out 10 acres in cabbage on his farm near the Forest beyond Buffalo. We predict that he will "start something" worth while.

Little Girl Has Accident

Roberta Foster, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster, had the misfortune to fall Christmas Day and break her arm.

Few Disorders Here Xmas

Edna Brown, colored, cut Lizzie Gilliam with a knife yesterday afternoon about 10 o'clock. Lizzie is pretty badly carved up.

Stockholders' Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Union, Union, S. C., will be held in the office of the bank on Wednesday, January 11th, 1922, at 12 o'clock noon.

Keisler-Palmer

Miss Lillie Keisler and Mr. J. P. Palmer of the Otteray community, were married in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends on Saturday night, December 24th, 1921.

NEGRO BOOTLEGGER MAKES GET AWAY

St. Matthews, Dec. 26.—Sam Duckson, a negro bootlegger, gave the officers of the law and the town in general a choice bit of excitement late Saturday afternoon. He had been under suspicion of being engaged in the liquor business for some time, and one week ago was caught and given a fine of \$50 by the town authorities.

Debs Calls on President

Washington, Dec. 27.—Eugene V. Debs announced after a call on President Harding that he would devote his time to an effort to have all prisoners released.

Wall Street Undisturbed

New York, Dec. 27.—Wall Street is undisturbed over the reports that a German scientist has discovered synthetic gold. Some chemists are skeptical as to the discovery.

Ohio River On Rampage

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—The Ohio river is stationary here at 55 feet and nine inches. The weather predicts recession soon.

Sweethearts Die In Suicide Pact

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 27.—Thomas Brands, aged 18, and his sweetheart, Matilda Rist, aged 17, took their lives by poison in a suicide pact. The boy said they were too poor to marry and decided to die together.

Death of Family From Gas

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Authorities are investigating the death of Gaetano Maimonti, his wife and three children, whose bodies were found in a gas filled home. They claim the gas heater was not equipped with a ventilator.

Arms Conference in Recess

Washington, Dec. 27.—The arms conference will probably remain in recess today pending the information on the submarine limitation from the French and Japanese governments.

Death From Cancer Is Increasing

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Census Bureau estimates that approximately 89,000 persons died from cancer in the United States in 1920, a 5,000 increase over 1919.

Robbers Enter Marlboro Stores

Bennettsville, Dec. 26.—Two robberies were committed here last night. Jacob Isaachohn's store on south Broad street was entered and goods, silk shirts, silk shirtwaists, silk hose and silk socks, to the estimated value of \$1,500 taken.

COLUMBIA MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Frank T. Bignon, storekeeper at 1531 Richland street, ended his life yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock when he shot himself in the head in the rear of his store. Bignon died a short time after he reached the Columbia hospital.

Mrs. Bignon was calling for help when she heard the pistol report. City officers went to the scene of the shooting and took charge of the six inch barrel, 38 caliber revolver which was found close to where Mr. Bignon fell. The bullet entered the right side of the head near the temple and came out on the left side.

Mrs. Bignon said her husband complained of business conditions and she attributed the rash act to this cause. She said Mr. Bignon arose early yesterday morning and went to the market. He returned to the store and then made another trip to the heart of the city. Mrs. Bignon said when Mr. Bignon reached home after 1 o'clock he appeared to be unsettled and said, "I am going to get the gun."

The Bignon family occupy the rooms in the rear of the store and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree was standing yesterday in one corner of a room. Mrs. Bignon said Mr. Bignon trimmed the tree with his own hands last Saturday night for the delight of his boys and girls the eldest of whom is 11 years old.

Frank T. Bignon came to Columbia three years ago from Augusta and conducted a variety store at the northwest corner of Richland and Pickens streets. One month ago his brother, Albert Bignon, died in Augusta. One sister, Mrs. C. O. Nelson, lives in Columbia, The State.

Young Man Killed On Raleigh Road

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—R. H. Hamilton, 30 years old railroad section foreman, was shot and killed in his automobile on a highway one mile from Raleigh shortly after 8 o'clock tonight as he was driving into the city with Miss Irene Guess, a young woman of Raleigh. According to Miss Guess, two negroes, whom she is unable to describe, fired three shots into the car just after it had passed them on the road.

Subscriptions to \$5,000 Cannery

- Lewis M. Rice \$ 50.00
C. K. Hughes 50.00
R. M. White 50.00
J. F. McLure 50.00
W. D. Wood 50.00
Dr. Russell Jeter 50.00
J. E. Minter 50.00
R. W. Beaty 50.00
T. B. Strange 50.00
F. H. Garner 50.00
H. L. Davis 50.00
J. R. Whitmore 50.00
Roy Willeford 50.00
Sam Bevelowitz 50.00
Sam Kessler 50.00
C. R. Lancaster 50.00
J. V. Askew 50.00
S. Krass 50.00
Macbeth Young 50.00
E. M. Garner 50.00
Claude Wilburn 50.00
J. Mobley Jeter, Jr. 50.00
L. G. Young 50.00
F. W. Carnell 50.00

Death of Mrs. French

Mrs. William French of Otteray village, was found dead in her chair Friday morning, December 23rd, at 2 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. Haydock, pastor of Mon-Aetna Baptist church and the interment was in Rosemont cemetery.

Box Supper at Kellys

There will be a box supper at Kelly's school house Wednesday night, December 28th. Everybody is invited to attend.

Married at Westside

On Saturday, Christmas Eve, at 6 o'clock, p. m., at the Baptist parsonage, Westside, Miss Ruth May Toney, became the bride of Mr. George Dewey Kennett. Both are popular young people of the community. The ceremony was performed by their pastor, Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire, in the presence of a large group of friends and well-wishers.

DEBS CALLS ON ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, Dec. 26.—Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, whose ten year prison sentence for violation of the espionage act was commuted on Christmas day, came here today direct from the Atlanta federal penitentiary and called upon President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty said that Debs came of his own "volition," while Debs declared his visit to Washington was at the "request" of the attorney general and that he was given a railroad ticket to the capital by the warden of the penitentiary without choice of destination, although he had planned to go immediately to his home at Terre Haute, Ind.

After his conference with Debs, the attorney general declared in a statement that there were no unusual conditions attached to the commutation of the Socialist leader's sentence, that no advice was offered to Debs, nor was any requested, and that he hoped Debs would direct his talents to a useful purpose.

No statement was made at the White House after the conference there but upon reaching his hotel Debs broke the silence he had maintained from the moment of quitting the penitentiary and declared he would devote his time to the freedom of all prisoners. He added that he had discussed his opinions with President Harding in order that there might be no misunderstanding as to his principles and ideals.

Debs reached Washington at 9 o'clock this morning. He left Atlanta in a day coach, giving the extra fare to Russian relief, but about 10 o'clock last night, according to friends who accompanied him, he changed to a sleeper. With him on his journey were his brother Theodore, Miss Clelia Roter and the Debs freedom conference, Miss Lucy Robins of the American Federation of Labor and a number of newspaper men.

No Trace of Missing Young Woman

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—No trace has been found of Miss Lila Dale Russell, aged 23, of Albemarle, N. C., who disappeared Sunday night from the Young Women's Christian Association here, where she was studying designing and costuming.

One Dead, Several Wounded

Belfast, Dec. 27.—One man was killed and several wounded in a clash between the constabulary and the men on Marrow Bone area.

Alleged Co-Conspirator Is Arrested

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Charles W. French, wife of the alleged co-conspirator of John W. Worthington, indicted for alleged swindles totalling \$60,000,000 was arrested here today. French is alleged to have operated a clearing house for the bogus securities.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Table with columns: January, February, March, May, July, October. Sub-columns: Open, Close.

Malone-Sims

Miss Lillian Malone and Mr. Tom Sims were united in marriage at 8 o'clock Monday morning and left immediately afterwards on No. 9 Southern train for a honeymoon trip. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. L. W. Blackwelder at his residence on South Church street.

Burnett-Vaughan

Miss Maggie Burnett of Sedalia and Claude Vaughan of Cross Anchor were married Sunday at Green street parsonage by Rev. J. B. Chick.

Scales-Gault

Miss Lulu Scales of Union and Robert Gault, of Kellys, were married Christmas Eve at Green street parsonage, Rev. J. B. Chick being the officiating minister.

REBEL GENERAL SHOT TO DEATH

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Gen. Francisco Reyna, who had figured prominently in revolutions in Mexico in the last ten years, was executed by a firing squad in Nogales, Sonora, across the international line from here late today. He was alleged to have been caught digging rifles, saddles and ammunition from the ground near Cancon, Sonora, 15 miles west of Nogales.

General Reyna, who has been living in the mountains in Santa Cruz county, Arizona, ten miles northeast of here, was captured about 9 o'clock this morning and was taken to the Nogales, Sonora, jail, where he was tried by a military court. Reyna's chauffeur also was arrested.

Mexican officials said that after Reyna was captured, soldiers unearthed 30 rifles, 30 saddles and about 4,000 rounds of ammunition at the spot where he was digging. Reyna and his chauffeur were arrested by 15 Mexican soldiers under the command of Capt. Francisco Gonzales.

Reyna and about 200 followers, it is claimed, planned to launch a revolution January 1. He also was charged with having had connection with leaders of another proposed revolution. The alleged leaders of that affair were arrested in Nogales, Sonora, about a month ago and were executed shortly afterward in Hermosillo Sonora. Reyna was arrested by United States officials here at that time but later was released.

William A. Ketcham Dead

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—William A. Ketcham, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died of acute indigestion here today, aged 75 years.

Valuable Radium Recovered

Newton, Kansas, Dec. 27.—Radium valued at \$2,000 and missing from a hospital here, was found in the furnace ashes today where it was thrown among bandages.

Rear Admiral Davis Dead

Washington, Dec. 27.—Rear Admiral Charles Henry Davis, retired, died here today, aged 76. He was a brother-in-law of Senator Lodge.

Dr. Howard Cross Dead

Vera Cruse, Dec. 27.—Dr. Howard Cross of the Rockefeller institute died here today of yellow fever, after an inspection of the fever district.

Ingersoll Watch Factory In Bankruptcy

New York, Dec. 27.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against Robert H. Ingersoll and brother, manufacturers of Ingersoll watches. The liabilities are listed at \$3,000,000 and assets exclusive of good will, at \$2,000,000.

Nine Men Arrested In Connection with Robberies

East St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Nine men were arrested here today believed by the police to be involved in bank and payroll robberies totalling \$150,000. It is claimed six are identified.

Socialists Prepare to Welcome Debs

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 27.—The city is aswarm today with Socialists from all parts of the country for celebration of Debs' homecoming. It is expected that 25,000 will enter the parade.

Song Dedicated to "Mother"

Jesse M. Eleson, of Atlanta, has written the words to a song dedicated to "Mother" and a copy was sent to The Times people. The music was written by Leo Friedman.

Lawson-Vaughan

Miss Bessie Lawson, and Mr. C. Douglass Vaughn two of Adamsburg's most popular young people, were happily married Sunday afternoon, December 25th, 1921.

Marriage Announcement

Friends in Union will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Letha Finley, formerly of this city, and Rev. Mr. Holland of New Holland, Ga.

LOSES LIFE IN AUTO WRECK

Chester, Dec. 26.—R. C. Elliott, aged 32, of 1420 Assembly street, Columbia, said to have operated a grocery store in the capital city along with his brother, D. O. Elliott, was instantly killed early Christmas morning when the Ford runabout in which he was riding turned turtle, pinning him to the ground, on the highway to Columbia about five miles from Chester. The tragedy will ever be veiled in a cloud of mystery as no one witnessed the accident and when found most of his body was cold.

The part of the car near the steering wheel, appeared to have caught him in the chest, probably causing internal injuries. The car was not badly damaged as it was able to successfully navigate the distance to Chester on its own power. The windshield was shattered and the steering wheel badly damaged. The accident seems to have occurred about 7 o'clock Christmas morning or earlier as when the tragedy was discovered the lights were still on.

As soon as found the body was brought to this city and it was some time before his identity could be established as there were no papers about him, save a deposit slip of the Carolina National Bank of Columbia for \$200 and it was dated October 20, 1921. After several hours' strenuous work, his identity was established and his brother from Columbia, D. O. Elliott, was communicated with and in a short time the brother hurried here in an automobile.

Mr. Elliott was on his way to Waco, N. C., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott's car ran down an embankment for a short distance and then turned over. A rumor was circulated here that some one might have run into his car. However there was nothing to indicate any such as neither the rear nor the front of the car showed any signs of having been struck.

Mr. Elliott is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Elliott of Waco, N. C., and the following brothers: D. H. Elliott, Jr., of Waco, N. C., M. Elliott, of Forest City, N. C., D. O. Elliott of Columbia, and the following sisters: Mrs. J. T. Allen of Cherryville, N. C., Mrs. Maude Wilworth, Miss Nida Elliott of Waco, N. C., Mrs. Boyd Stroup of Waynesboro, Ga.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that R. C. Elliott came to his death by having his car turn over and crushing him to death.

Decline in November Exports

Washington, Dec. 27.—American exports to Europe declined \$43,000,000 in November, compared with October, according to the department of commerce summary. Only to Africa and Oceania were exports greater. Imports from Europe increased \$2,500,000.

New Year Reception at White House Revived

Washington, Dec. 27.—The official White House public New Year's reception be revived this year.

Charge Eastman Co. With Control of All Raw Films

Washington, Dec. 27.—It is charged by the motion picture producers through their representative before the senate finance committee that the Eastman Kodak company controls the production of all raw films. They all oppose the increase tariff.

Two Unidentified Bodies Found

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—The bodies of two unidentified men were found in a clump of weeds in the suburb here today shot through the head.

Elenberg-Dalton

Miss Ethel Elenberg and Mr. Otis Dalton, two of Buffalo's popular young people, were happily married on Saturday evening, December 24th, the ceremony making them man and wife being performed by Rev. L. L. Wagon of 64 South Church street.

Preacher Pounded

On Monday after Christmas exercises, and a tree, was observed at Hebron church, the preacher, Rev. Stoudenmire, is puffed up from the good pounding which he says was included such things as potatoes, butter, chickens and eggs, spare ribs and sausage, etc., a Ford load. Mighty fine folks in Union county, he says, and for a reason.

MISSING MAN'S BODY FOUND

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 26.—Mystery which for months surrounded the disappearance of B. L. Harsell, wealthy clubman and sportsman of New York who has been missing since last April, is believed to have been solved with the identification of a body found in the woods of Mitchell county, North Carolina, as that of the missing man. Detective Elmo W. Brim of Galax, Va., reports having traced the clubman over 1,500 miles, 240 of which he made on foot through the Appalachian mountains, and claims to have information that Harsell was murdered by parties in the Pigeon Roost creek section of Mitchell county.

Upon leaving New York, Mr. Harsell announced he would walk from Roanoke, Va., to north Georgia for the purpose of hardening his muscles and preparing for a big game hunt in a foreign country which he contemplated with other New York clubmen. He has to write his brother each 30 days of his whereabouts, and after more than a month had elapsed and no word had been received a hunt was started.

Detectives arrived here about six weeks ago and began work upon a new clue which led them over Mount Mitchell, highest peak east of the Rockies, through the mountainous sections of Yancey county and into a remote section of Mitchell, where the body was found.

PERSONAL MENTION

Hervie Whitlock of New Orleans, La., is a holiday visitor in Union. Misses Kathrin Miller and Emmie Henderson, of Columbia, spent yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith.

Lindsay Smith and Louis Gilliam are the guests of friends in Atlanta, Ga.

Luke J. Wilburn spent part of the holidays in Union with relatives, returning to Jacksonville last evening. Laurens Young, of Cornell University, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Young, for the holidays.

Mrs. O. S. Braddock and little son of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Frazier of Raleigh, N. C., and daughters, Misses Thelma and Kitty Lee are spending the holidays with Mrs. F. O. Willard on Academy street.

Fred Willard returned Christmas Eve from Washington, New York and other Northern points. He was joined by his brother, Clyde H. Willard, in Atlanta. They report an excellent trip.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ramsey, of Gaffney, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brannon for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cureton and children returned to their home in Atlanta, Ga., yesterday after a few days' visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McDow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Prioleau and Mrs. James Munro will return this afternoon from a visit to the home of Major W. H. Sinkler at Eutawville.

Guy H. Wilburn, Guy, Jr., Paul and Jack Wilburn left today for Effingham to spend several days with Mrs. William Gillespie (Ruth Wilburn).

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bobo, of Rock Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, of St. Matthews, are the guests of their mother, Mrs. C. G. B. Counts, on S. Pinckney street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oliphant and children of Greenville spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Oliphant on South street.

Mrs. D. E. Clement and little son, of Honca Path are the guests of Mrs. Sara Clement on S. Mountain street.

Lawson-Vaughan

Miss Bessie Lawson, and Mr. C. Douglass Vaughn two of Adamsburg's most popular young people, were happily married Sunday afternoon, December 25th, 1921.

A large part of friends and relatives motored to Union with the happy young people and were present at the home of Rev. L. L. Wagon, 64 South Church street in that city, when he spoke the words making them husband and wife.

Many and hearty are the good wishes for this Christmas bride and groom.

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