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Farmer And Wife Brutally Murdered Near Bethel Church

Victims Are John Dixon And Wife--Crime Discovered this Morning by Negro as He Passed House--Woman was Still Alive.

Before Her Death She Managed To Tell Story of The Attack by Two Strange Men With White Caps Over Their Faces.

Special to The News. Bethel, Dec. 13.--Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, one of the leading farmers of the county, and his wife, were brutally murdered near Bethel church between Funston and Lawndale, on the morning of the night by two men who were seen with their faces covered with white caps, supposed to be robbing a man for money.

Several posses are in search and thousands are trying to find a clue. A negro, John Ross, went by the house this morning with an axe on his back to chop when he saw Mrs. Dixon lying on the ground in a pool of blood. Her husband was dead at the barn and she was lying but had enough breath to mutter a short story that two men had entered during the night and asked Mr. Dixon for a horse out of a ditch. He did not get a horse and went out with a lantern and was attacked by two unknown men and beaten so that he died this morning before the neighbors responded to the message delivered by the negro.

Mr. Dixon is one of the most prominent farmers in the county, an abolitionist and a harmless citizen. He was 40 years old. He married Miss Charles, daughter of Mr. A. A. Charles, another leading farmer. They had a child in the house about a year old, but the child was left unharmed. It had blood on its clothes from the strangers who were looking for money. There was \$40 in the house and this was gone.

Hundreds of people were soon at the scene this morning and searchers are scouring the country.

Reyes Retorted to Have Gathered Army

Special to The News. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 13.--It was reported today from a reliable source at Laredo that General Bernardo Reyes has entrenched with an army in the mountains near Galeana and expected to be in Monterey by Sunday.

Report on Newspapers Handled This Year

Special to The News. Washington, Dec. 13.--The result of the inquiry made by house committee on expenditures in the postoffice department as to the volume, weight and handling of the publications of the country in the past fiscal year was made public today. The ten thousand publishers responding reported an annual output of more than 6,500,000,000 copies, weighing 1,150,000,000 pounds. The postal department handled 951,000,000 pounds, and excluded 500,000 pounds carried free within counties. It received one cent per pound. The publishers reported that they were delivered by their own carrier, newspapers and news companies, and were carried to destination by express and other rail shipments. They delivered by express 292,729,510 pounds, and by other rail shipments 121,491,185 pounds. The rate by express and rail varied from 1-1/4 to 1 cent per pound but the bulk of these shipments went at the rate of 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 cent per pound.

Baseball Trouble Will Blow Over

Special to The News. New York, Dec. 13.--Trouble threatening between the two major leagues will be speedily settled, according to the expressed belief of members of the national commission. The president of the American League, Walter H. Bennett, declares if any further delay follows from the American League's declaration of severing relations with the Nationals with the exception of territorial and players matters, the squabble can be easily adjusted. The Boston Nationals have been sold to J. J. Gaffney of New York. He has appointed John Ward president and "Red" Hanlon manager.

PARIS INTERESTED IN COMING BOUT.

Special to The News. Paris, Dec. 13.--The twenty round boxing match to take place tonight between the 17-year-old French welterweight champion, Georges Charpenet, and the American Harry Lewis, welterweight champion of England, is attracting extraordinary interest.

Show Girls Are Under Cross Fire

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 13.--The district attorney who is trying to prove that Lillian Graham and her chum, Ethel Conrad, had planned to murder W. E. D. Stokes when they shot him at their apartment last June, today returned to the task of discrediting the testimony of the two show girls. The defense felt encouraged by the manner in which Miss Conrad met the prosecutor's attack yesterday. Her story of the shooting supported Miss Graham's and at the same time she never lost an opportunity to express her opinion of Stokes. Having told the jury that she still loved her accuser, Miss Graham could not freely attack his motives but her friend labored under no such handicap and never let a chance slip to tell what she thought of Stokes' conduct and character.

In the effort to discredit Miss Conrad's testimony the prosecution planned today to continue probing into her past. The story of what happened to her at Plattsburg a year ago last summer was finished at adjournment of court yesterday afternoon. Miss Conrad said she made a man who insulted her there sign, at the point of a pistol a statement relating to her stay in Plattsburg. This statement she promised to have in court today if she could not get it.

Mr. Stokes, his physicians say, is a very sick man and they do not even discuss when he will be able to finish his testimony.

Taft Initiated McNamara Probe

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.--President Taft personally initiated the government's investigation both here and at Indianapolis into the dynamiting conspiracy in which the McNamara brothers figured.

The president when he visited Los Angeles on October 16 was addressed by Oscar Lawler, then an assistant of District Attorney John D. Fredericks, of the strong case built up by the latter against the McNamaras.

President Taft will act. The McNamaras were not the only guilty persons and he gave his orders two days after he left Los Angeles. The president heard details of alleged tampering with witnesses and of inability of state authorities to bring offenders in other parts of the country to justice. The president's action went a long way toward clearing a perplexing situation.

The local federal authorities had declined to take any action until they received word from Washington.

It is said that Mr. Lawler pointed out to Mr. Taft the number of labor leaders who were involved. When the question as to the stand labor unions might take if the president assumed an inquiring attitude in the case arose, it is said Mr. Taft told Lawler he would proceed regardless of the political elements involved.

ASHLEY HORNE GIVES MONUMENT TO WOMEN

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.--The site for the monument to North Carolina Women of the Confederacy, to be erected at a cost of \$12,000 by Hon. Ashley Horne was just selected in capital square, and is facing the main entrance to the state fire-proof building now being erected. Colonel Horne says of his determination to donate the monument to the state, "I have been thinking for a long time that a state would never build a woman's Confederate monument. And I being a soldier of Lee's army for four years and seeing what the women of my state did in carrying food and clothing and being in every battle fought around Richmond and knowing that they were as great or greater soldiers than the men, I have decided to build this monument myself. The time has come in my life when I think no loyal citizen of the state could think I have an ulterior motive in so doing."

KINGT called to stand.

By Associated Press. Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 13.--John W. Knight was called back to the stand for cross-examination at the opening of the federal court today. Questioned by District Attorney Stret, he went into minute details concerning his arrangements with J. A. Bywater, foreign freight agent of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, for issuing bills of lading without delivering the cotton at the time.

--Mr. W. J. Moore and wife have sold to Mr. C. E. Moore a lot, 98 by 60 feet on the corner of North College and E. Fifth streets. Consideration, \$100, and other valuable consideration.



Porter Charlton has been in the jail at Jersey City, N. J., for more than one year--a half for the murder of his wife at Lake Como, Italy, in June, 1910. Charlton's father, Judge Paul Charlton, has been appointed by President Taft to Puerto Rico. An appeal is now pending before the United States supreme court on the ruling of Secretary of State Knox that Charlton was to be handed over to the Italian authorities to stand trial for murder, to which he had confessed when arrested while stepping off the steamer at Hoboken, June 23rd, 1910. Charlton spends the greater part of his time in the cell, reading and writing verses and smoking innumerable cigarettes.

BIG STEAMER WENT ASHORE ON MOROCCAN COAST

By Associated Press. Gibraltar, Dec. 13.--The steamer Dolphin, from London for Bombay, conveying Princess Royal Louise Victoria Alexandra Dagmar, sister of King George V, with her husband, the duke of Fife, their daughters and many other passengers on their way to Egypt, has gone ashore on the Moroccan coast at the entrance to the straits of Gibraltar.

Her position is considered so serious that the British cruiser Weymouth has been ordered to leave the scene with life saving apparatus. Rough weather prevails.

With the aid of the French cruiser, sent from Tangier, women and children aboard the Delhi were taken ashore. Princess Louise and her children were among those rescued but the Duke of Fife remained aboard. The governor of Gibraltar is preparing to receive the princess and her suite. It is not believed the Delhi will founder.

Judge Ward Offers Resignation

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.--Governor Kitchin received today the resignation of Hon. George W. Ward as judge of the first superior court district, the resignation being effective December 31st.

He intimates that the principal reason actuating his resignation is the desire to resume his practice of law, his health having been such in the past two months that he has not been able to do his full share of judicial service to the state. There is no intimation as to when the appointment of a successor will be made. The most talked of possibilities are Stephen Bragaw and Col. W. C. Rodman, of Washington.

--The concrete base for the sheet asphalt on West Trade street has been completed and the concrete mixer was moved today to North Tryon street.

TODAY IN CONGRESS

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 13. SENATE.

In session at 2 p. m. George W. Perkins urged before interstate commerce committee a plan for federal commission for licensing corporations.

New York Jewish delegation urges abrogation of Russia treaty at foreign relations committee hearing.

Parcels post project discussion before postoffice committee.

HOUSE. Met at noon. Miscellaneous business from committees considered. Steel committee continued hearings.

SECOND WEEK OF THE MEAT PACKERS TRIAL

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 13.--Today marked the beginning of the second week of the trial of the Chicago meat packers with little progress having been made in the selection of the jury.

Seven men remained in the jury box but it was generally believed that at least four of these would be excused. Another venire of fifty men was to report before Judge Carpenter at the opening of the day's session of court.

Russian Troops Will not Advance

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.--The Russia which generally reflects the intentions of the ministry, says the Russian troops now concentrated at Kasbin in Persia will not advance for eight days unless extraordinary events cause the Russian minister to order them to march toward Teheran at an earlier date.

Russia at the end of November despatched about 4,000 troops to Resht, in Persia. When the Persian national council on December 1, refused to comply with the terms of the Russian ultimatum demanding the dismissal of V. Morgan Shuster, the American acting as Persian treasurer-general and a cash indemnity, these troops were ordered to advance on Teheran.

STILL SEARCHING FOR LOST JUROR

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.--That the wife of Harry W. Waldron who escaped early Monday morning from the jail for the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, has had word from the fugitive is the belief today of the county prosecutor.

The visit of a strange man who entered the home of Mrs. Waldron last night and held a whispered conversation with her has aroused suspicions in the minds of the officers which have dispelled the belief that Waldron is mentally deranged and wandering or that he has killed himself.

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina: Local rains tonight or Thursday; colder tonight, colder Thursday in east portion. Light to moderate variable winds.

Dragging Lake For Body

Houston, Texas, Dec. 13.--Officers today continued to drag White Oak bayou in an effort to recover the body of an unidentified man who leaped into it yesterday from a Pullman car. He boarded the train at New Orleans and is described as being 35 years of age and weighing 165 pounds.

KNOXVILLE IRON COMPANY POSTS NOTICE AT MINE

MINERS THOUGHT TO BE ALIVE.

By Associated Press. Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 13.--It is believed that Sam Miller and party of miners are alive in the Cross Mountain mine, in cross entries 20 or 21.

The rescue party headed by Dr. J. A. Holmes and Dr. J. J. Rutledge, is working between cross entries 19 and 22 and it is thought they may bring out more living miners within the next few hours.

BUSINESS COURT WILL GIVE RELIEF SAYS PERKINS

Director of U. S. Steel Corporation Tells Senate Interstate Commerce Committee How Existing Uncertainty in Business May be Cured.

Court of Experienced Business Men Should License Corporations Doing Interstate Business--Commission Should Study Sherman Act.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.--George W. Perkins, director of the United States Steel Corporation, told the senate interstate commerce committee today that the practical way to give the country's big business relief from existing uncertainty and depression would be to create in the commerce and labor department a business court, or controlling commission, with power to license corporations doing interstate or international business.

Violation of regulations laid down by such a commission, he urged, should be punishable by imprisonment of individuals rather than by revocation of licenses.

Composition of Court. Mr. Perkins said this commission or court should be composed largely of experienced business men. Ability to comply with conditions laid down by congress in creating the commission and with regulations prescribed by the commission itself, he declared should be the test of an applicant for license; public, both before and after licensing should be the essential feature of these regulations and every company should be required to secure the approval by the commission of all its affairs, from capitalization to business practice.

Mr. Perkins suggested that in the beginning only broad principles laid down, with a view to elaborating and perfecting them as conditions require.

For "Prospective Relief." After proposing this plan for immediate relief, Mr. Perkins offered another for "prospective relief." This contemplated the appointment of a commission to study the Sherman act and the various suggestions that have been made regarding its amendment and to report on the wisdom and practicability of a national incorporation act.

"Any one familiar with present business conditions in this country, both as to domestic and foreign trade," said Mr. Perkins, "realizes that the brakes are on. We are not expending our domestic trade to the extent we should. New enterprises are not being undertaken as freely as they should be. While Germany, Canada and other countries are forging ahead with their industrial plans.

"The reason for this attitude on our part arises largely from the fear engendered by prosecutions under the Sherman act. The business man's complaint now is that he does not know when he is right or when he is wrong; that this apparently cannot be known until he is prosecuted and his case reaches the court, and that as matters now stand he does not and cannot know as he proceeds with his business whether he is a good citizen of a criminal.

"Serious as this phase of the situation is, it is all important that we do not commit ourselves to a permanent national policy until such commitment can be made in a calm, dispassionate frame of mind. While this is true, immediate relief is clearly desirable, if such relief can be provided along conservative lines.

"We are now collecting taxes from corporations which in itself is the first step in establishing the principle of public ownership of corporations and government. It ought not to be unwise or difficult therefore to immediately expand the powers of the department of commerce and labor with regard to publicity and control sufficiently to create a board of control with power to license such interstate companies as in the judgment of such board are clearly working for and not against public interest. In other words, in such cases, substitute a board of this sort for long drawn out law suits. This would have the immediate effect of placing any company able to secure such a license in position where it would know that it was proceeding in a way that was not in violation of national laws or federal authority. Such concerns as could not or did not wish to meet this test would then have no right to complain if they were proceeded against under the Sherman law.

"In this manner immediate relief could be provided. At the same time the questions surrounding the Sherman law and the national incorporation act for interstate industrial companies would be under an investigation that would be proceeding in a calm and orderly manner, with a view to reaching ultimately a permanent solution of the whole question.

"Meanwhile" Mr. Perkins concluded, "uncertainties would be dispelled; yet we would only be building up our present department of commerce and labor and bureau of corporations into a live vital bureau--much in the same way that we gradually build up the interstate commerce commission by extending and enlarging its powers from time to time."



WESTERN GOVERNORS IN THE EAST. Five of the party of Western Governors who are making a tour of the East booming the Western States. Reading from left to right are Gov. Oddie of Nevada; Gov. Burke of North Dakota; Gov. West of Oregon; Gov. Vessey of South Dakota; and Gov. Carey of Wyoming.