

Two Negroes Held For Murder Of Farmer and Wife

John and Hack Ross Charged With Brutally Killing John Dixon and His Wife Near Shelby Yesterday Held Pending Coroner's Verdict.

Hearing Continued Until Friday for Further Evidence—Blood Stains on Negro's Clothes Believed to be Human.

Special to The News. Shelby, N. C., Dec. 14.—The situation at Shelby today, after the murder yesterday of John Dixon and his wife, two of Cleveland county's most respected and prominent people, is quiet. The expected demonstration against the negroes John Rose and Hack Rose who were held for the murder did not develop. The demonstration was expected to follow the verdict of the coroner's jury, but the hearing was continued until Friday for further evidence. It is believed that sufficient evidence is available to convict the two negroes.

John Rose and Hack Rose are held in jail, while a careful test is being made to determine whether the blood found on the clothing of one of them is human blood. Dr. Shoemaker, of the Shelby hospital, who is making the examination, declared that preliminary tests that he believes the blood to be that of a human being. Rose contends that the blood came from an animal which he had killed. The funeral services of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were held today, a very large crowd attending.

It was discovered today that a part of the bag which Dixon had taken from Rose and killed was missing, and this case is being followed.

Much Feeling.

There is much feeling here over the murder. The alarm was given by an old negro man, Maj. Stroud, who says he was passing and that Mrs. Dixon came to the window and told him that John Rose, another negro who was with him, had gone out shortly before and that something dreadful had happened to her, and asked Stroud to get a doctor for her. Stroud says that he went to hunt a doctor, as he saw one as he went, and that John Rose was in bad condition, and that John Rose was Mr. Tommy Dixon's father. Some people are inclined to believe that Mrs. Dixon was the true murderer. Mrs. Dixon had been assaulted and was later killed.

When Mr. Tommy Dixon came in a very short time he found his son, Mr. John Dixon, lying between the crib and the barn, dead from a blow with an axe just above his ear. He had his lantern on his arm. Mrs. Dixon was found dead in bed, with a great cut from the back of the axe just over her head. The little year old baby was unharmed, but crying, and his clothes were soaked in its mother's blood.

Negroes Suspected.

Hack Ross, a negro of bad repute and a brother to John Ross, was a suspect on Mr. Dixon's land. He and Mr. Dixon had a settlement on Monday and under a mortgage which Mr. Dixon held, he took Hack Ross' car. It is said that Hack had next day remarked to some well known man in that section that "they can take my cotton and my shucks, and my corn, but when they takes my car there is going to be somebody hurt." It is believed that when Mr. Dixon went to feed his stock that Hack killed him, and that if Stroud were telling the truth that when John Rose, Hack's brother, found that Mrs. Dixon was not dead, that Hack went back and killed her. Hack was found later in the day some five miles away pretending to be at work. There was blood on his overalls. He said he killed a muskrat. All negroes are being held.

The Dixons were among the counties most prominent people. They were both quite young, having been married only two years. Mrs. Dixon before her marriage was Clayton Chase.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WHEREABOUTS OF REYES.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The department of justice knows, but will not make public, the whereabouts of Gen. Bernardo Reyes, supposed to be the leader of a new revolutionary movement in Mexico.

Agents of the department have Gen. Reyes under surveillance. Following his indictment for alleged violation of the neutrality laws the Mexican was released on \$10,000 bail.

FUNERAL OF PAPAL DELEGATE.

By Associated Press. Manila, Dec. 14.—The funeral of Monsignor Ambrose Agius, papal delegate to the Philippines, who died suddenly on December 13th, took place today. Many civil and military officials were present, some of whom acted as pallbearers.

Opening Session of Wool Growers

By Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—The feature of the opening session of the convention of the National Wool Growers' Association, was the annual address of the resident, former Governor P. R. Gooding, of Idaho, who denounced railroad rates on wool west of Omaha and declared the European flock master could lay his product down in Boston two to four cents a pound cheaper on a scoured basis than the American range sheep grower.

Asquith Receives Anti-Suffragettes

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—Recent violent demonstrations by protagonists of woman suffrage have stirred the anti-suffragettes. An important deputation of the National Anti-Women's Suffrage Society under the leadership of Lord Curzon, was received by Premier Asquith this morning. The object of the deputation was to secure the prime minister's co-operation in blocking the threatened enfranchisement of women by means of a forthcoming franchise reform bill which includes the granting of votes to women.

Mr. Asquith expressed his hearty sympathy with the object of the deputation and agreed with them that to grant the franchise to women "would be a political mistake of a very disastrous kind."

The premier said he did not reject the suggestion that a referendum be held on the subject of women's franchise but he feared that the verdict of such a referendum would not be accepted by the suffragettes unless women were permitted to vote in the referendum.

Brandeis Advocates LaFollette Bill

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Advocating the LaFollette bill, designed to supplement the Sherman anti-trust law, Lewis D. Brandeis today told the senate interstate commerce committee that there is no such thing as a "natural monopoly" in industry.

Mr. Brandeis said supporters of the LaFollette bill agree that only unreasonable restraint of trade should be prohibited, but they believe the law is adequate, difficult of application and unsatisfactory in its remedy. They propose to keep the law and supplement it with provisions remedying defects.

"Red Light" District Too Near Capital

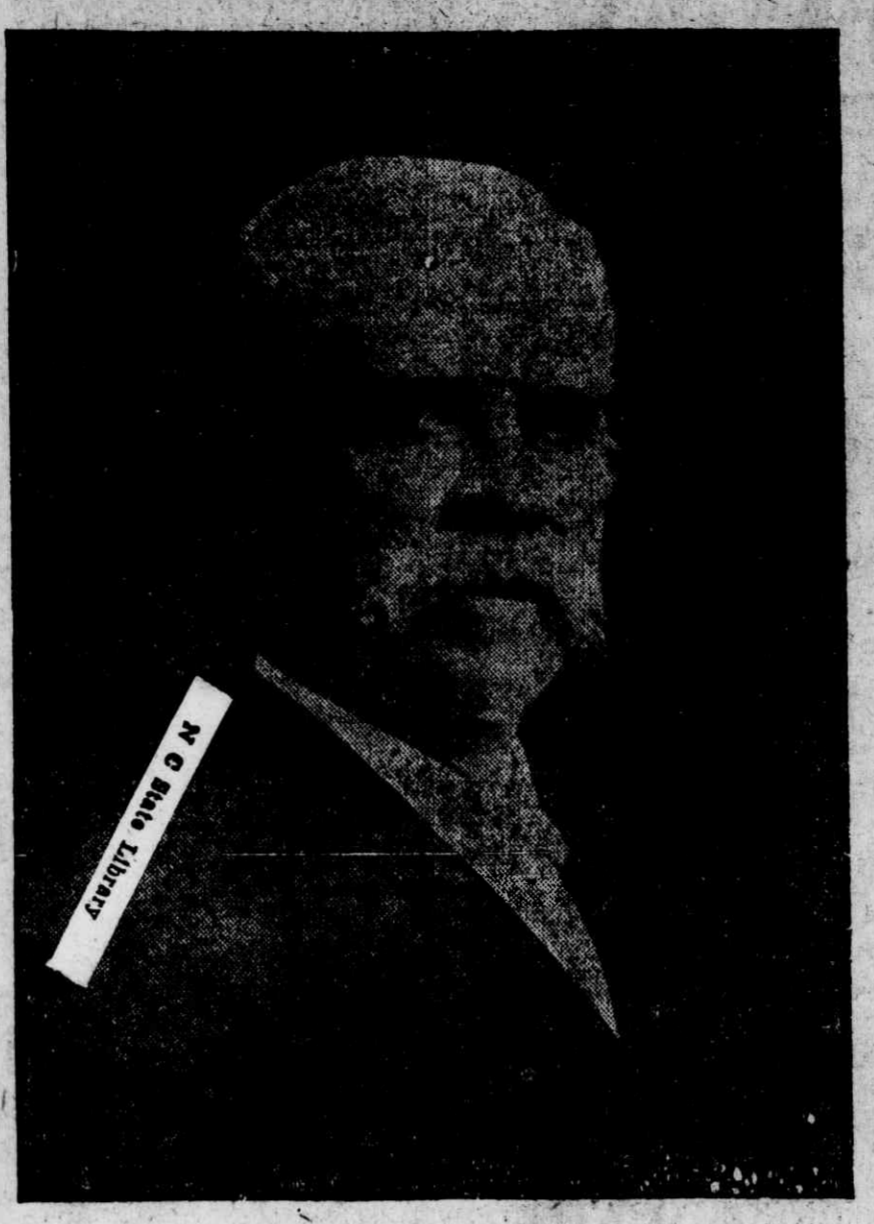
By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Declaring that the "red light" district of Washington was moving toward the Capitol and was "an insult to congress and a dishonor to the nation," a delegation of the Washington Prohibition League today urged upon President Taft the creation of a vice commission for this city.

FIRES RAGING IN BRICEVILLE MINE TO - DAY

By Associated Press. Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Two fires are raging in the Cross Mountain mine today. One is in Cross entry No. 25 left and the other in Cross entry No. 17 right. It may be late this afternoon before the rescue of bodies can be resumed as the forces are hindered by the flames. The first fire was in Cross entry 17 left. It has been extinguished, however.

Elks Contribute.

The Grand Lodge of Elks today sent a cash contribution of \$1,000 to the sufferers of the Briceville mine disaster. The order for the contribution was received in a telegram at noon from Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan, who is now at Colorado Springs and the money was immediately forwarded to E. P. Jones, district deputy at Bristol, Tenn., for distribution.



OOL ASHLEY HORNE. Who This Week Has Given \$10,000 to Erect a Monument in the Capital Square, at Raleigh, to the Women of the Confederacy.

Grand Jury Begins Inquiry Into Alleged Dynamite Conspiracy

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 14.—After federal investigation in many parts of the country where there have been "industrial" explosions, the government grand jury began here today its inquiry into an alleged dynamite conspiracy, with "ends" in 17 states.

A detailed list of 100 explosions in structures erected by firms employing non-union workmen, as furnished to the government by the National Erectors' Association, was prepared for the grand jury.

The explosions began two years prior to the employment by the McNamara of McManigal, who according to his confession blew his first building in Detroit in June, 1907, with twenty sticks of dynamite, and they extend into the present year several months after the arrest of the McNamaras.

After this there were explosions in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and at Cleveland. The last attempted explosion is recorded in the list as having taken place on October 15th this year, near Santa Barbara, Cal., at a bridge erected there years ago. Dynamite was found near the bridge just before the special train bearing President Taft passed over it.

The National Erectors' Association was organized by contractors in 1906. In pursuance of a plan to maintain an "open shop" they employed detectives to investigate the dynamiting. McManigal is to play an important role in their robe.

McManigal Confession.

Here is a paragraph from the McManigal confession: "On August 23 I pulled off the McClintic-Marshall job at Kansas City. I did not see J. J. McNamara, although he was in town at the time. From Kansas City I went to Peoria, Ill. J. J. McNamara returned to Indianapolis on August 29 or 30, 1910, at which time he paid me for doing the Kansas City job. I told him about the bad luck I had had on the Peoria and Kansas City jobs and he gave me \$1,000 and told me to get back the clocks that did not go off."

The clocks referred to by McManigal were the alarm clocks used by him to regulate the time for ignition of fuses. Attached to the winding key of each alarm was a small sheet of copper so adjusted that when the alarm was released that when the winding key was turned the electric wires, which thus created a current and caused the spark that exploded the dynamite or nitro glycerine.

Trail Up and Down Coast.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—Following a trail which leads up and down the coast with a twist east from San Francisco, the federal grand jury in session here continued today its probe into the habits and acquaintances of James B. McNamara, the dynamiter of the Los Angeles Times. Miss Ethel Gill, telephone operator of a San Francisco hotel where McNamara lived, was among the witnesses instructed to appear.

OMNIBUS PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL TO BE REPORTED.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 14.—Another large appropriation which may carry millions of dollars was added to the house program today when the committee on public buildings decided to report an omnibus public building bill. This decision, on which the committee vote was 14 to 3, was made in the face of opposition by Democratic Leader Underwood.

HALF MILLION DOLLAR MILL FOR CHARLOTTE

A new cotton mill to make fine specialty cloth is definitely assured for Charlotte, work to be stated soon after the first of the new year. The site has not been determined upon, but several are under consideration, and it is understood that a charter will be applied for in a few days. This mill will consist of 25,000 spindles and 500 looms, and will be capitalized at \$500,000. The men behind this enterprise are all experienced business men, and sufficient capital to make this project a certainty has already been subscribed.

Won't be Any War Say League Magnates

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14.—Magnates of the National League expected to conclude their unfinished business today and depart for their homes. That a copy of the "declaration of war" of the American League will come officially before the National League is doubted as President Lynch and his associates say they have not received any communications from the American League.

Ban Johnson is said to have sent a copy of the resolution to the National League, but the resolution must have been lost en route.

The magnates of the National League say the resolution does not mean anything anyway and there won't be any war.

Need Five Jurors In Packers Trial

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 14.—With seven jurors tentatively agreed on by counsel for the government and defendants in the trial of the ten packers for alleged violation of the criminal portion of the Sherman anti-trust law, both sides were ready to put forth their best efforts to find five more men who would complete the jury.

It was expected the packers' lawyers would turn back to the government before the end of the morning session another full panel for examination.

Questions asked the prospective jurors thus far have disclosed the fact that farmers are closer readers of newspapers than are those who live in the city.

Thirteen Teams Still in Bike Race

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14.—A badly battered lot of riders were peddling their weary way around the saucer track at Madison Square Garden today, but eight of the original 15 teams still were on equal terms for the big prize in the six-day bicycle race, and five teams had a fighting chance. Galvin and Wiley, 1,561 miles, 4 laps. Galvin and Wiley, 1,561 miles, 4 laps. Just after 8 o'clock Karl Saldow, of the German team, struck a beer glass dropped a moment before by a careless waiter, was thrown against the inside fence and picked up unconscious, but he soon revived and it was said he would be able to continue.

Champion Kramer, with a hurt left shoulder, and John Bedell, whose right arm and shoulder were bruised during a spill in a sprint, are in the worst condition, so far as injuries go, but both took their regular turn when called upon by their trainers.

The 11 o'clock score, the 83rd hour, showed eight teams at 1,621 miles and 4 laps; four teams at 1,621 miles and 3 laps; and Galvin and Wiley 1,621 and 1 lap. The record is 1,628 and 8 laps, made by Halstead and Lawrence.

PROPOSES MILITARY SERVICE FOR WOMEN.

By Associated Press. Dusseldorf, Germany, Dec. 14.—Introduction of obligatory military service for women was proposed at a meeting today of the Patriotic Women's Union here by Privy Medical Councilor Witzel, professor at the Medical Academy, at Dusseldorf.

The lecturer suggested that women be enrolled in the military hospital transport, provisioning and clothing services, and should be mobilized with the other auxiliary troops in case of war.

The proposition was taken up enthusiastically by the suffragettes as it is regarded by them as eliminating any argument against the granting of the franchise to women.

Horribly Butchered Bodies of Woman and Three Children Found

Show Girls' Trial Hurries to Close

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 14.—Judges, attorneys and jurors and every one else concerned in the Stokes case were smoked out of the court room in the criminal court building today by a slight fire in one of the upper stories. Some one threw a cigarette behind the wooden partition, starting a fire that caused a great deal of smoke.

After trying in vain to clear the room by opening the windows Justice Marcus ordered a recess.

New York, Dec. 14.—The trial of the "shooting show girls" hurried to its close today. The attorneys expected to finish their summing up in time to let the jury have the case before adjournment tomorrow.

Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, and W. E. D. Stokes, the middle-aged millionaire they shot, have completed their testimony. If Mrs. Stella Singleton, Miss Graham's sister, was able to testify, the defense had planned to put her on the stand today.

Mrs. Singleton had been confined to the house since Tuesday, when she tottered out of the court room and fell in a long faint, unable to endure the strain of the exciting trial.

Although both sides would like to examine Stokes a little further, his condition would not permit his appearance in court for at least two weeks and the attorneys have decided to close the trial without taking any more of his testimony.

Stokes' physician, who spent nearly the whole night at his bedside, said this morning that the millionaire had passed a very bad night and that his condition was critical.

SHUSTER RETAINS HIS POSITION IN PERSIA

By Associated Press. Teheran, Persia, Dec. 14.—W. Morgan Shuster still retains his position as treasurer-general of Persia. The cabinet cannot dismiss him without the consent of the national council, which has not been given.

State department officials here doubted from the first the report from St. Petersburg that Mr. Shuster had been dismissed. Their view was further strengthened today when a message came from American Minister Russell at Teheran calling for the safety of all Americans there and making no reference whatever to any change in Mr. Shuster's status.

Russian Minsler Talks of Treaty

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—An interview with Foreign Minister Sazonoff in regard to the claim of the United States for recognition by Russia of passports issued to American citizens of the Jewish faith is published today in the Novoe Vremya.

The foreign minister said that the Russian foreign office neither the Russian ministry of the interior nor the Russian consuls had raised any obstacles against the entry into Russia of American commercial men or financiers of the Jewish faith. The present agitation, however, he said, did not relate to that class of persons.

Many agitators, revolutionaries and anarchists who were adherents of the Hebrew religion had emigrated to America during the recent trouble and it was not, concluded M. Sazonoff, to be expected that Russia should encourage the return of these elements.

MISSING JUROR IN HYDE TRIAL RETURNED TODAY

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—Harry Waldron, the juror whose disappearance last Sunday night blocked the progress of the second trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, charged with the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, returned to his home today pale and emaciated after four days of wandering over Kansas. He was brought to court by Mrs. Waldron and at once went into a conference with Judge Y. Peterfeld.

Will Dismiss Jury. Judge Peterfeld after a conference with Waldron announced that he would dismiss the jury on the ground that Waldron was not mentally competent.

VANDERBILT STUDENTS START CHRISTMAS FUNDS FOR POOR.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Vanderbilt University students yesterday started a fund to be used in providing Christmas presents for the children of miners killed in the Briceville mine disaster.

Country Hamlet in New York State Scene of Quadruple Murder—Italian Farm Hand Employed by Family Suspected of the Crime.

Bodies so Hacked That They Had Been Crushed Into Small Manure Pit—Undiscovered For Two Days—Motive Seems Lacking.

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—An entire family, Mrs. Mary A. Morner, a widow, her daughter Edith, aged 20, and Blanche, aged 17, and a son Arthur, aged 28 years, were murdered Tuesday on the Morner farm near De Freestville, five miles from Albany. The bodies of the three women were discovered late last night near a barn where they had been hacked with a hatchet and battered with a stick and thrown into refuse pit. A searching party this morning found the body of the son with the throat cut and otherwise mutilated, under the barn floor, the boards of which had been ripped up and replaced after the murderer had secreted his victim.

The police are searching for an Italian farm hand known as Ed Dennis, who had been employed by the Morners since last September. Little is known concerning him.

The tragedy was not discovered for more than 24 hours after it occurred, when a neighbor remarked the failure of Arthur Morner to bring to him, according to daily custom, milk for shipment to market.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Some time between last Tuesday noon and evening an Italian farm hand employed by the Morner family of De Freestville, a Rensselaer county hamlet six miles from Albany, is believed by the police to have slain Mrs. Conrad Morner, a widow and her daughters, Edith, aged 20, and Blanche, aged 17, and her 28 year old son Arthur. The bodies of the three women were discovered late last night in the cow barn on the Morner farm where they had been hacked that the murderer had been able to crush all three of them into a small manure pit on one side of the stable.

Arthur Morner's body is missing and traces also is lacking of the farm hand who was known as Ed Dennis.

Bloodstained Hatchet.

A bloodstained hatchet and a four foot ball stick were found in the pit near the three bodies and with these the murderer first killed and then murdered his victims the police believe.

Motive for the crime seems to be lacking. What money there was in the house before the murder was found intact.

Fourth Body.

The body of Arthur Morner, mutilated and with the throat cut, was found early today under another part of the barn floor.

SULTAN CARRIED BACK TO CONSTANTINOPLE.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from Constantinople reports that the Sultan Abdul Hamid has been brought back to Constantinople from Saloniki, where he has been confined since his deposition on April 27th, 1909. He is said to be extremely ill.

FIFTY THOUSAND WOMEN ABANDON STRIKE.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 14.—The fifty thousand women suit makers and three thousand tailors who have been on strike in Berlin since November 23 today temporarily abandoned the struggle which has been unsuccessful.

IMPORTATION OF ABSINTHE FORBIDDEN.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Declaring absinth dangerous to health, the pure food board of the department of agriculture today decided that its importation into the United States should be prohibited after January 1st, next. The order awaits the signature of the secretary of agriculture before becoming effective.

Negro Preacher Hanged Today.

By Associated Press. Jackson, Ga., Dec. 14.—Will Turner, the negro preacher whose killing of Jesse Singley last August 26 near Indian Springs almost precipitated a race trouble was hanged here today for his crime. He confessed yesterday.

Singley, a young white man, had tried to stop some trouble between bell boys at an Indian Springs hotel in which Turner's two sons participated. He was shot from ambush while returning home.

Three sons of Turner are being held at Atlanta pending trial for participation in the killing.

"JOHN STRANGE WINTER," NOVELIST, DIED TODAY

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Arthur Stannard, the novelist who was known by her pen name of "John Strange Winter," died today. She had been confined to her bed for the past five months as the result of an accident while stepping out of an elevator.