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NEGRO TEACHER IS FOUND GUILTY

Case Of Man Who Staged Shooting Affair On Road Street During Fair Week Tried Wednesday.

Guilty of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill was the verdict of the jury Wednesday afternoon in the case against Frank Whitehurst, Elizabeth City negro, who from an automobile fired a pistol at his wife in another car, and would probably have killed her but for the protection of an Elizabeth City merchant. Occurring in broad daylight on one of the city's principal streets, the affair was as lurid in its climax as a moving picture serial, and attracted a large crowd which permitted the negro with his smoking pistol to stalk off unmolested in the direction of his home a few blocks away.

The shooting occurred on Wednesday of Fair Week in Elizabeth City, October 10, on South Road street, near Shepard, in front of the store of Mark Sawyer, grocer. Both Whitehurst and his wife had been to the fair. It is said that there had been a conversation between them and he had endeavored to persuade her to return to live with him. When she refused he showed signs of becoming violent and the wife left the fairground by automobile seeking to evade him.

But Whitehurst did not propose to be so easily disposed of. He hired a local negro jitney to bring him to town and followed the car occupied by his wife. On South Road street he caught up with the car his wife was in, and the jitney driver swung his car to the left to pass the car ahead. Whitehurst was on the back seat of the jitney leaning out on the right hand side. His wife was in the car just ahead on the right hand side. As Whitehurst came abreast of his wife he brandished a pistol. As the jitney drew slightly ahead of the car occupied by his wife, affording him unobstructed aim at her, he fired at her head, but she dropped her head to her knees and the bullet tore through the back of the side curtain near the corner of the car.

The woman screamed and scrambled out, as by this time the other occupants were doing, over the rear door on the left hand side of the car and started running toward Mr. Sawyer's store. Whitehurst, jumping out on the right hand side of his car, ran around it and started in pursuit of his wife. At the curb the woman stumbled and fell, and without stopping to rise went into the store on hands and knees. Whitehurst followed hard behind her and at the door started to raise his gun as if to fire again. A sharp order from Sawyer to "cut it out" halted the negro and he dropped his arm to his side.

Sawyer sent the woman into the hall of the apartment back of the store and ordered Whitehurst out and the negro obeyed. Later, however, Whitehurst returned to the store still brandishing his gun and Mr. Sawyer brought his own gun into view before the negro gave up his pursuit. When the police, who had been summoned just after the shooting, arrived Whitehurst had disappeared. He was arrested Thursday at his home on Speed street.

Viola Whitehurst, wife of the defendant, lives in Perquimans County and is a schoolteacher. Frank is also a teacher and both have the accent, and address, of the educated negro. Frank is black and dapper. Viola is far lighter of hue and not unprepossessing in appearance. She has borne her husband three children, but wants no more of him; while Frank, it would seem, would still have her faithful.

Viola testified in the preliminary hearing before the recorder that when she dropped her head to her knees in the car she saw the bullet coming and dodged it.

R. E. Lassiter, construction superintendent in connection with the work of the State Highway Commission on the Tidmore-Acorn Hill road, was found not guilty of carrying concealed weapons on a verdict brought in shortly after the opening of Tuesday afternoon's session of court.

A verdict of not guilty was directed by the Court in the case charging J. W. Selig with violation of the State railroad stop law.

NEW WHEAT IMMUNE TO SMUT DEVELOPED

Washington, Nov. 7.—Development of a new variety of winter wheat which is resistant to bunt or smut is announced by the Department of Agriculture. It has been named "Ridit" because it is expected to rid the wheat fields of smut. The variety was developed by Dr. E. F. Gaines of the Washington agricultural experiment station at Pullman, Wash., in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture. It was bred through crossing Turkey and Florence varieties, the latter adapted for the more humid regions than for semiarid regions. A few hundred farmers in eastern Washington planted Ridit this fall to give it a more complete trial than it has had in experiments.

Will Comply With Germany's Request

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 7.—The Reparation Commission has decided to comply with the German request for a hearing on the reparations question as proposed in Berlin's note of October 24. If the several governments including the United States, are unable to agree regarding the setting up of an advisory investigating committee.

SAWYER TESTIFIES REGARDING FORBES

Washington, Washington, Nov. 7.—President Harding called for the resignation of Charles Forbes as director of the Veterans Bureau as the result of the Perryville, Maryland, surplus supply sale transaction. Brigadier General Sawyer, physician to the late executive testified before the Senate Veterans Committee today.

THE STAFF IS NAMED FOR THE SPOTLIGHT

Officers for the High School Annual "The Spotlight" have been elected and are as follows: Rachel Williams, editor in chief; Glennie Morse, assistant editor; Marion Seyfert, assistant editor; William Kramer, business manager. Members from the Junior Class are: William Dudley, assistant business manager; Louise Outlaw, assistant editor; Wilmer Ballard is athletic editor; Rebecca Miller, art editor; Mary Dozier, Dorothy Chappell; Ruth Bright and Margaret Hollowell compose the advertising committee.

The annual staff is making preliminary plans for this year's Spotlight and the contract for the publication will be let on December 1.

There is no debt this year and to avoid having one the class is trying to get money ahead by giving a play Friday, November 16. "Clarence," by Booth Tarkington.

BROADWAY STORE ROBBED AT MIDDAY

New York, Nov. 7.—While hundreds were passing the busy corner at Broadway and 47th street at midday, three well dressed men entered the jewelry store of Julius Howard, forced the proprietor and clerk into a rear room, and rifled the show cases of jewelry valued at \$75,000. The bandits escaped.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL INSURERS TO MEET

Pinehurst, Nov. 7.—With representatives of industrial insurance companies from the entire South present and others arriving here during the night, the Southern Industrial Insurers' Conference tomorrow will open its fourteenth annual session here. An elaborate program has been arranged for the three days' meeting and many speakers of prominence are on the program.

Tomorrow, the first day of the conference will be given over to the meetings of special committees and to renewal of friendships by the delegates. The first regular business session will be held, Thursday at nine o'clock.

MORRISON INVITED SPEAK IN KENTUCKY

Raleigh, Nov. 7.—Governor Cameron Morrison has been invited to speak at Paducah, Kentucky at an Armistice Day celebration which will be the occasion of a good roads meeting, the celebration being sponsored by the Kentucky Good Roads Association. Governor Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky wired the executive of North Carolina, urging that he accept the invitation but Governor Morrison, because of a prior engagement will be unable to attend.

The invitation to the Governor stated that a drive was on in Kentucky for a 50 million dollar bond issue for roads and that someone was desired as a speaker who could tell of the practical benefits of such a bond issue by reason of experience and that no better man could be thought of than Governor Morrison. The letter referred in complimentary terms to the wonderful leadership in road building and other ways which the State of North Carolina is giving the South.

HOUSES WIRED FOR \$12

Those who wish to have wiring done will note in the advertisement of Midgett Brothers today that \$12 and up is the proper price. The printer failed to interpret the "6" in the copy when setting the advertisement Tuesday and called it "\$2," making the price mount as by magic to \$128 instead of \$12, which was certainly hard on Pelia Midgett and his brother, who are working days and sometimes nights, and are showing their progressiveness furthermore by advertising in The Advance.

GOOSE DINNER AT LINDEN

A Roast Goose Dinner will be served at the Linden Thursday from 12 to 2.30. adv

CLAIM STATE HAS NOT KEPT TERMS

Pasquotank Highway Commission Members And Former Members Call On Commissioner Hart About It

Pasquotank County wants to renege on its contract to pay seven-sixteenths of the cost of paving the State road to Woodville. The Pasquotank Highway Commission claims that the State authorities have not kept to the terms under which Pasquotank took over this obligation.

The Pasquotank Highway Commission's claim is based on the contention that Pasquotank's agreement to pay seven-sixteenths of the paving cost of the Woodville road was made conditional upon the hard-surfacing of a 16-foot road all the way from Edenton to Currituck Court-house. The State has now abandoned construction of the Camden-Currituck link of this highway and will build a road only nine feet wide across Perquimans, according to the understanding here.

A delegation from the Pasquotank Highway Commission left Tuesday night to call on District Commissioner Hart at Tarboro to see if the matter can not be adjusted, so that the Albemarle District may either get a 16-foot road from Edenton to Currituck or so that Pasquotank may be relieved of its assessment of the cost of that part of this road running through this County.

These in the delegation were: J. J. Morris, J. W. Foreman, A. B. Houtz and O. F. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Houtz are not now members of the Commission but were on it when the contract as to the Woodville road was made.

The Pasquotank Highway Commission was in regular session Tuesday and most of the time was given to discussion of the trip to Tarboro and to hearing of petitions from various sections of the County for relief from bad dirt roads.

TREE PLANTED ON NEW SCHOOL GROUNDS

The feature of Arbor Day exercises at the high school Friday was the planting of a tree on the new school grounds by the senior class.

The oak was given by Harold Foreman and was planted on the side of the grounds next to Pool street. The exercises began with the singing of the Arbor Day song by the seniors, followed by the recitation, "Plant a Tree by Miss Nellie Jones, and a speech on the reason for Arbor Day by Miss Rachel Williams, president of the class.

The first spade of dirt about the tree was thrown in by Superintendent S. L. Sheps, followed by Principal A. B. Combs, Miss Allen Edwards, R. T. Ryland, and then each member of the senior class.

The tree pledge was recited by the class. Speeches by City Manager Bray and Buxton White in the auditorium Thursday and Friday mornings on the planting and care of trees were also a part of Arbor Day observance.

Chowan Baptists Called Upon To Finish The Task

Only 23 more days remain for North Carolina Baptists in the payment of pledges made to the 75 Million Campaign for the fourth fiscal year. The total amount paid in by North Carolina Baptists since last December is \$414,359.00. Their quota for the year is \$1,228,000.00, leaving a balance of \$813,650.00 to be raised by December 1, 1923, if the full quota is reached.

Rev. R. F. Hall, director of the "Round-Up Campaign" for the Chowan Association, has written letters to all the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, church clerks, W. M. S. and B. Y. P. U. leaders, urging them to rally their forces in the local church for the payment of their pledges.

"At least \$500,000.00 must be raised by North Carolina Baptists within the next three weeks or we face a serious and disastrous situation for our whole program next year," says Mr. Hall.

"The last report of the U. S. Census Bureau gave the average per capita income for North Carolina, taking into account women, children, negroes, and everybody else, at \$383.00 per capita. Certainly Baptists, who doubtless have a large proportion of adult members than any other denomination, will not claim that the estimated per capita income is too high for them. There are 326,065 Baptists in North Carolina, and if they would give only a tenth of their income to God they would place into the Lord's treasury this year \$12,488,289.50. There are 11,679 Baptists in the Chowan Association, and if they would give a tenth of their income to God they would give \$447,305.70. Since God has so bountifully blessed this section, as no other section in the South,

COTTON ADVANCES HUNDRED POINTS

New York, Nov. 7.—A heavy accumulation of buying orders over the holiday inspired by the big advance in prices on New Orleans and Liverpool exchanges resulted today in an advance of about 100 points in the local cotton market.

PRISONER PAROLED TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Raleigh, Nov. 7.—Governor Cameron Morrison has granted a parole to L. B. Kirt, convicted from Mecklenburg County of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. The parole was granted for ten days in order that the prisoner may attend the funeral of his father at Charlotte.

DUCK ISLAND CLUB HEADQUARTERS HERE

The Duck Island Club is to purchase a handsome yacht and establish headquarters in Elizabeth City, according to Oliver F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store.

Members of the club from Pittsburgh passed through the city Tuesday on their way to Wanchese and were met at the train by Mr. Gilbert.

"They have decided on the purchase of a yacht," Mr. Gilbert said, "in order that they may make trips from Elizabeth City to Wanchese during the hunting season. Their original plan was to make Norfolk their headquarters, but I succeeded in convincing them, I think, that Elizabeth City is the more logical place for headquarters as they can make trips in much less time from here to Wanchese than from Norfolk to Wanchese, on account of slow time through the canal."

Among the members of the club passing through the city Tuesday were: Grant McCarzo, who is president of the club; Col. C. C. Butler, James R. Park, J. C. Wasson, secretary, all of Pittsburgh.

SELLING BACK TIMBER OF CONFISCATED LAND

Stockholm, Nov. 6.—The resumption on a large scale of the shipment of aspen wood from Russia to Sweden, just reported on by Svensk Finansiding (Swedish Financial Journal), has aroused great interest here. According to this authority, 8,000,000 board feet of aspen wood have been imported from Russia during the first nine months of this year, as against less than half of that quantity during last year.

All of these shipments of aspen wood have been bought by the Swedish Match Company, which consumes about 129,000,000 board feet per year in its domestic and foreign factories, and it is an ironical fact that much of this wood comes from the forest properties formerly owned in Russia by the Swedish Match Company and confiscated by the Bolsheviks.

Although no trade pact has as yet been successfully negotiated between Sweden and Soviet Russia, each country sends commercial commissioners to the other, and general foreign trade in both directions is picking up.

Jules Jusserand Calls On President Coolidge

Leaves Newspaper Men to Guess What Was Said in Way of Conversation and All of Them are Busy Doing It Now

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington July 6—Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, presented to President Coolidge today the good wishes of the French government.

It was the first time the French ambassador had had the opportunity to do so as he was in Europe when the new President took the oath of office.

Mr. Jusserand's visit was, however, more than a formal call to pay his respects. He was with Mr. Coolidge for nearly a half hour and the discussion concerned the proposed commission of experts to determine the capacity of Germany to pay reparations.

The French ambassador was in a jovial mood as usual when he emerged from the conference. He was reminded that when he left the United States press reports from abroad stated that he would not return.

"I have been in the United States 21 years," remarked Mr. Jusserand, "and I think that report has been published twenty-one times. The ambassador is the dean of the diplomatic corps here and has served his country in the Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding and Coolidge administrations. He was a favorite of the late President Roosevelt, having been one of the famous "tennis cabinet" which played on the courts that once occupied the ground taken up by the executive offices.

"When I made the voyage back the other day," said the ambassador with a laugh, "I was afraid the ship's captain had heard about the press reports that I wasn't coming back. We were zigzagged all over the Atlantic Ocean. First we were told that we would land at New York, then it was changed to Boston and finally we were landed at Portland, Maine. When they told me they were going to dock at Portland, I asked the captain if he was sure it wouldn't be Portland, Oregon.

"I understand the ship was anxious to land its immigrants so as to come within the November quota. What a change! Although Senator La Follette and I were on board, we had to give way to the immigrants."

The ambassador was in high spirits nevertheless, and said he was glad to be back in Washington again. He declined, of course, to talk about his visit to the President. To a group of reporters who inquired about it, he said:

"Whether we talked about the weather or European politics, I leave it to your clever minds to guess."

The French ambassador had a long conversation with Secretary of State Hughes on Monday and presented the substance of a cablegram he received from Premier Poincare about the proposed inquiry into German reparations. Mr. Hughes' reply is well known and the only points of difference that remain between the French and American position are not now regarded as insuperable. An air of hope prevails that at last the reparation deadlock will be broken.

It is, of course, within the range of possibility that Premier Poincare will take an absolutely irreconcilable stand but if he does so he forfeits the first opportunity in three years to win American cooperation in European affairs. Nobody here in the government believes he will run that risk. In fact the impression is that compromise terms will be worked out in London and Paris within the next forty eight hours and then a formal invitation will be issued by the British government which all the powers can accept.

LIQUOR IS SEIZED AT BOGUE INLET

New Bern, Nov. 7.—The auxiliary schooner Pilot, sailing from Nassau with a cargo of 30 barrels and 261 cases of rye whiskey, was seized at Bogue Inlet Coast Guard station last night, according to a telephone report received here.

BIGGEST LIGHTHOUSE GOES INTO SERVICE

Christiana, Nov. 7.—The largest lighthouse hitherto erected along the Norwegian coast, was used for the first time October 1.

The lighthouse, which is of concrete and is 150 feet high, has been built on Sloringoen near Titran on the west coast. The main lantern has an intensity of 465,000 normal candle power and flashes two beams in quick succession every fifteen seconds. A supplementary light illuminates some dangerous rocks in the vicinity. In foggy weather a powerful siren will give the necessary warnings.

PHILIP FOX ON TRIAL NEXT WEEK

This Announcement and Issuance of Peace Warrants Chief Features in Klan Case Developments.

Atlanta, Nov. 7.—If the necessary arrangements can be completed, Philip Fox, publicity chief for the Ku Klux Klan, will be placed on trial next week for murder of Capt. W. S. Curn, attorney for the Simmons faction of the organization, Solicitor Boykin announced today.

The issuance of the peace warrants against Imperial Wizard Evans and three of his personal lieutenants today constituted the outstanding developments in the situation resulting from the killing of Curn.

Dr. Fred Johnson, chief of the staff for Simmons, named in the warrant as complainant, charged that the Curn slaying had caused him to fear bodily harm from the four Klan officials.

Twenty Three Are Killed In Rioting

(By The Associated Press.)
Warsaw, Nov. 7.—Twenty-three persons have been killed and three score wounded in rioting and bombings growing out of the strike of railway workers here. Disorders occurred despite the agreement of Socialists to call off the strike in return for the government's promise to withdraw the militia from the railroads.

REPUBLICANS GIVEN MAJORITY OF SIX

Washington, Nov. 7.—The Republicans were given a majority of six in the Senate yesterday by the election of Representative Dale of Vermont to succeed the late Senator Dillingham.

Incomplete returns indicate the election of Wm. J. Fields, Democrat, as governor of Kentucky, and give Governor Ritchie, Democrat, of Maryland, a lead for re-election.

On the face of congressional returns it is indicated that the lineup in the next House of Representatives will be: Republicans 225, Democrat 205, Socialist 1, Independent 1, Farmer-Laborite 1, making the Republican majority 17.

HUNDRED INJURED IN FOOD RIOTING

Berlin, Nov. 7.—More than 1,000 shops were wrecked and more than 100 persons were injured in food riots here yesterday.

PROSPECTS BETTER FOR AGREEMENT

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 7.—Prospects for agreement between France and Great Britain on the text of the invitation to the United States to join the conference of experts for examination of the reparations question are regarded in diplomatic and French official circles as brighter.

Mine Explosion Remains Mystery

Gren Rogers, W. Va., Nov. 7.—The bodies of 27 miners killed yesterday in the explosion in the mine of the Raleigh Wyoming Coal Company lay side by side in the undertaking establishment in Mullins today where they were taken on a special train as soon as recovered from 800 feet below the surface which had proved their tomb.

Meantime the state mining department is conducting an investigation but it seemed improbable today that the cause of the accumulation of gas in the entry or how it became ignited would ever be explained.

COTTON MARKET
New York, Nov. 7.—Spot cotton, closed steady, Middling 34.50 an advance of 125 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 33.95, Jan. 33.65, March 33.82, May 33.88, July 33.30.
New York, Nov. 7.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 33.75, Jan. 33.25, March 33.50, May 33.70, July 33.01.