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SIMMONS CASE AFTER WIZARD

Issues Signed Statement Challenging Evans to Come Out in Open About Murder of Coburn.

(By The Associated Press.)
Atlanta, Nov. 8.—William Joseph Simmons, imperial emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, today issued a signed statement in which he challenged Imperial Wizard H. W. Evans to "come out into the open and give the public the facts" in connection with the shooting to death of William Coburn by Philip Fox, publicity agent of the Klan, here Monday.

Simmons said if he were the imperial wizard he would "be attempting to prove beyond any doubt whatever that I had no connection with the murder and that neither my associates nor myself had in anyway inspired this deed."

WANTS TO ABOLISH SHIPPING BOARD

New York, Nov. 8.—Abolition of the United States Shipping Board and of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in order to permit private operation of an American mercantile marine was advocated today in a resolution adopted by the American Marine Congress in session here.

WILL NOT STAND FOR DICTATORSHIP

France Instructs Its Ambassador in Berlin to Inform German Government of This Attitude.

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 8.—The French government has instructed its ambassador in Berlin to inform the German government that France would not tolerate the establishment of a dictatorial government in Germany.

The action of France apparently has reference to the recently reported demands from Nationalists in Bavaria for the establishment of a Nationalist dictatorship in Germany.

Tells Roumania To Get Its Taxes Paid

Bucharest, Nov. 8.—Charles J. Vopicka, former United States Minister to Roumania, who is regarded here as an authority on international affairs, while on a visit to Bucharest, was interviewed by the financial weekly Bursa.

When asked his opinion about the present economic situation in Roumania and the measures necessary for improving exchange, Mr. Vopicka is reported to have said:

"If you want to better your money and gain the confidence of financial circles abroad, some way should be found to make the peasants pay their taxes. One of the main reasons why Czech exchange is so high is because the people are meeting their obligations to the state," Mr. Vopicka added that he is making a careful study of European conditions at this time for use in next year's presidential campaign in the United States, and gave it his opinion that European affairs are destined to play a prominent part in the opening election.

Youths And Women Active In Uprising

Sofia, Nov. 8.—Questioned concerning rumors current of summary executions of imprisoned Communists and alleged killing of their wives and children since the crushing of the recent revolution, Premier Tsankoff said:

"I have no doubt there were excesses during the progress of the struggle for the restoration of order. As soon as rumors of excesses reached the ears of the government, however, measures were taken by the ministerial council to check abuses and insure strict observance of the law. Wherever evidence of illegality or cruelty could be discovered the guilty persons were immediately put under judicial process."

As to the rumors that women and children have been killed in considerable numbers, it was stated that a feature of the uprising was the large proportion of public school pupils who took part in it, rifle or revolver in hand. These have been treated as belligerents. The proportion of women who took an active part in the disturbance was equally remarkable, but an amnesty to women and miners is being generally extended.

HAS FINE SUCCESS WITH CLEVELAND BIG BOLL COTTON

G. H. Winslow of Okisko has had splendid success with Cleveland Big Boll cotton, producing as high as two bales an acre for the last two years. In the want ad column of The Advance today he is advertising that he has a few seed of this variety of cotton for sale.

CROWN PRINCE CANNOT LEAVE

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 8.—The Allied Council of Ambassadors today decided to request the Dutch government not to allow former Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm to leave Dutch territory, where he has been in exile since the war, and also to ask Germany not to allow him to enter Germany as he is on the list of persons charged with war crimes, whose arrest is sought by the Allied governments.

Grand Jury Makes A Routine Report

Cross Index For Judgement Docket Recommended For Third Time in Succession

The grand jury of Pasquotank County made its report and was discharged Thursday of this week. Following is the report:

To Hon. W. M. Bond, Judge of Superior Court of Pasquotank County:

We, your Grand Jury, for the November term of Court, 1923, have given careful consideration to all matters brought before us, and beg to submit the following report, to-wit:

We have visited the High School and been shown through different departments by Prof. Combs. We have found classrooms to be comfortable and clean. In the room used for cooking and sewing we found that dust easily accumulated on machines and other things owing to the fact that the room is not ceiled overhead and also that dust rises from the concrete floor, otherwise it is clean and comfortable. We found a marked improvement in the lavatory on account of the concrete floor being raised and we were told same was washed out regularly with a hose and then dried by opening the windows.

We visited the County Home and found everything in first class condition. There were 13 whites and seven colored inmates and they were cared for and treated very nicely.

We visited the Jail and find conditions on the inside good. Outside the windows need repairing, need eight lights and one sash. Found no inmates whatever.

We visited Reznicek Institute, same being new we found everything in first class condition.

We visited the various offices in the Courthouse and everything, in our estimation, seems to be in good condition. We find that the recommendation that the former Grand Jurors of two Courts have recommended a Cross Index for Judgement Docket has not been installed. We endorse this cross index for Judgement Docket, and believe it should be installed as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. BALL, Foreman.
D. R. MORGAN, Clerk.

GENEVA REGULATES SIDEWALK TRAFFIC

Geneva, Nov. 8.—In no European town are the regulations on circulation, both for roads and sidewalks more strictly enforced than in Geneva. M. Hanotaux, France's representative for the League of Nations and Quinones de Leon, Spain's representative, had this fact brought to their attention the other day. They were so deep in a discussion that when crossing a street, they came to a halt and continued their argument in the middle of the road, heedless of the desperate gesticulations by the nearby policeman.

"Here, you two, do you suppose that sidewalks were made for dogs only?" asked the officer as he came up to them.

Both men came back to reality with a shock.

"Do you know whom you are addressing?"

The officer laid a hand on each.

"I should worry, the sidewalk for yours."

"But, Monsieur, I represent France on the Council of the League of Nations."

"And I, Spain, Monsieur."

A broad grin passed over the policeman's face as he replied:

"You can represent what you like, but I represent the law."

The two delegates stepped on to the sidewalk without further discussion.

LINOTYPIST HURLS FORTH CHALLENGE

Rocky Mount, Nov. 8.—R. P. Boone, a linotype operator connected with a local paper, has hurled a challenge for an endurance speed race to all linotype operators. Mr. Boone says that if there are any operators who believe they can turn out more type working on a 144 hour straight stretch than he can on his old model machine number one that he will be glad to try it out at any time. He invites all those who wish to take up the challenge to communicate with him.

RUSSIA IS WARNED TO BE IN READINESS

Moscow, Nov. 8.—At the ceremonies held here yesterday, the anniversary of the revolution, official speakers warned Russia to be in readiness for possible European struggle.

TRUE BILL FOUND; THOMPSON ISN'T

Young Man Charged With Theft of Automobile Could Not be Located When Police Sought Him.

Trial Justice Spence was reversed by a Pasquotank grand jury when a true bill was returned this week charging Luther Thompson, young son-in-law of Police Officer C. E. Anderson, with stealing an automobile. Thompson was given a hearing in the recorder's court on Friday, October 19, and the case against him was dismissed by Judge Spence.

Having news that the grand jury had returned a true bill against him, Thompson, it is alleged, hastily left the city. At any rate local police had not been able to locate him up to the time that this newspaper went to press.

Thompson was arrested on October 11, in possession of a stolen automobile which investigation showed that he had been driving for a week or more. The automobile, a Ford touring car, was the property of D. S. Davis, proprietor of Davis's store on the Newland paved road. Mr. Davis's car was stolen on Saturday, September 29, when his son-in-law, O. M. Sanders, drove it to town and parked it on Water street, between Main and Fearing. Forty-five minutes later, when he came for his car, the Ford was gone.

Sanders recognized the car himself when Thompson drove up to Parker Morgan's garage, corner Matthews and Bond streets, and stopped. Examination following Thompson's arrest disclosed that the motor number had been chiseled out and the license changed. Thompson claimed at the time that he had bought the car from a man named "Evans" whom he had not known previously and whom he had never seen since and that he had never noticed that the motor number was missing while the license tag, he claimed, was the same one as had been on the car when he bought it. On the witness stand, however, he admitted that he had obtained the license tag from Louis Baker, and testified that the car had no tag on it at all when he bought it, "Evans" claiming that he had been in too straitened circumstances since July 1 to obtain a new license.

Thompson is a young man, apparently hardly more than 21 years of age, of good appearance, born, he says, at Bennettsville, S. C., and coming here from Laurinburg, S. C. He seems above the average in intelligence; but he testified in the recorder's court that he did not know he was violating any law in operating an automobile under a license issued for another car and that he paid cash, the savings of many weeks of labor, to "Evans" for the car without ever questioning the seller as to when or where he came into possession of the car, swallowing "Evans'" statement that he had been a resident of the city four years, hook, line and sinker, without a reservation or an inquiry.

The story looked fishy to Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer, and when Trial Justice Spence dismissed the case Mr. Sawyer served notice that he would put the evidence before the grand jury of the next criminal term of Pasquotank Superior Court. Among other convictions this week are the following:

Horatio S. Seymour, guilty of obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty and of assault. It was Mr. Seymour who put Chief of Police Gregory in the hospital by knocking the chief with his fist from the running board of his automobile. He pleaded guilty and was let down by Judge Bond with a fine of \$25 and costs.

John Barnard, guilty of obstructing an officer and of reckless driving. He was fined \$25 and costs.

David Overton, Jr., guilty of housebreaking and larceny. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Dan Russell, guilty of receiving, possession and transporting in a liquor case. He drew a fine of \$50 and costs.

Frank Whitehurst was sentenced Thursday morning by Judge Bond to two years in the State prison when the negro withdrew his appeal after being sentenced to two years on the roads.

VIRGINIA RAILWAY ENGINEERS STRIKE

(By The Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Nov. 8.—Between 400 and 500 locomotive engineers and firemen constituting approximately two thirds of the engine crews of the Virginia Railway walked out today despite an order from the United States Railway Labor Board that threatened action by the men be held in abeyance pending the hearing November 14 of the controversy over the discharge of several employees.

Elks Preparing For Excellent Program

Choir of Hundred Voices and Orchestra of Twelve at Memorial Service

The Elizabeth City Elks are preparing a program for their Memorial Service on the first Sunday in December that will be unexcelled by any lodge in the State.

Ernest G. Davis is in charge of the music for the service and he will have an orchestra of twelve pieces to play selections and accompaniments, and a chorus of 100 of the best voices to be found in the entire section.

Mr. Davis is getting this talent together and the first practice date will be announced in a day or two, as well as other interesting details about the program.

Dr. L. D. Mendoza of Norfolk, is the speaker of the day for the Elks Memorial Service.

ODOM-OVERRULES MOTION OF DEFENSE

(By The Associated Press.)
Rastrop, La., Nov. 8.—Judge Odom today overruled the motion of the defense in the Morehouse misdemeanor trials that he disqualify himself, and the defense gave notice that it would immediately appeal to the Supreme Court for writs of prohibition a certiorari. The defense had charged that the court was biased and prejudiced.

THE HONOR SYSTEM WORKS AT TRINITY

Student Government Enters Upon Most Auspicious Second Year After Several Years Agitation.

Trinity College, Durham, Nov. 8.—Student government at Trinity has entered upon a most auspicious second year. Installed in the fall of 1922 after several years of agitation on the part of the students, student government has now become a beneficial reality in the ordinary affairs of college life.

The officers of the men's association for this year are: president, J. B. Harris, Albemarle; vice-president, C. G. Knox, Leland; and secretary-treasurer, W. S. Barnes, Raleigh. The student council, which is the executive department of the association, is composed of these officers and the following additional men: Seniors—Carl H. King, Charlotte; Edgar B. Fisher, Elm City; Juniors—W. G. Bradshaw, Durham; Sophomore—G. T. Leach, Jr., Washington. No freshman is allowed to serve on the council.

The success of the entire organization rests on the honor system. Every man on the campus is presumed to be willing and anxious to act honestly at all times himself and to use his best efforts to see that any wrong is corrected. If the man himself is unable to take care of the situation, then he is supposed to refer the matter to the council, which acts as a sort of supreme court. In matters involving the faculty and students the council acts as spokesman and constituted authority for the students. In the matter of examinations the professor now puts his examination on the board and then leaves the room. Evidence of the value of the system in this respect is shown by the statements of many students who feel that they feel easier now on examinations and are thus able to do better work.

MAY FILE BRIEFS BEFORE JANUARY

Washington, Nov. 8.—Final arrangements are made for closing of Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation into the possibility of railroad consolidation in the United States January 7 being set for the hearing of oral arguments of counsels for railroads. General notice was given that between now and that time all states, municipalities, and shippers' organizations interested may file briefs.

Pugh and Ladies Visit Norfolk Kiwanis Club

Norfolk, Nov. 8.—C. R. Pugh, prominent attorney of Elizabeth City, will be the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club today. The luncheon will be in the nature of an Armistice Day celebration and in addition to the talk by Mr. Pugh, there will be singing by a special quartet of ladies from Elizabeth City, according to announcement yesterday.

TALKING ABOUT TOYS

What's that about Christmas shopping and Elizabeth City stores displaying their holiday wares, said "Doc" Halstead, proprietor of the Standard Pharmacy, to The Advance man Wednesday afternoon.

"Well, we're showing Christmas toys, dolls and novelties and we're by no means ashamed of starting the Christmas shopping ball rolling either. Tell 'em to read our ad in The Advance."

SHOWING GREETING CARDS

The H. C. Bright Company today announces a big display of greeting cards for the New Year and Christmas season.

SYKES GETS TOP PRICE FOR PEAS

J. D. Sykes received what is believed to be top price for the year for fall May peas when he had 20 baskets to sell on the New York market Thursday morning for \$8 a basket.

These peas were shipped through Brook & Scott, produce firm of this city, to J. H. Brothers, New York. Mr. Sykes says this is his first shipment this fall and that he has a good crop of fall peas.

Asked about the rather heavy frost Friday morning, Mr. Sykes said that his peas had not been hurt by it; but that he had some fall string beans which he was afraid were damaged to some extent.

First Football Game Season Here Friday

Greenville Comes Over to Play Bestcity and a Real Battle Is Expected

The first football game of the season between the Elizabeth City high school team and an out of town team on the local gridiron will be played here Friday afternoon at 3:15. Fans, young and old, are urged to get out, accordingly. The game will be played at the West Main street baseball grounds.

Greenville is said to have a good team, and Coach Dwight of the Elizabeth City high school team has been getting his boys ready to put up a real battle, so something exciting is expected.

Elizabeth City's lineup will probably be: Markham, center; Kramer and Stanton, guards; Heath and Winslow, tackle; Jones and Jennette, ends; Midgett, quarterback; Shaw and Ballard, halfbacks; and Miller fullback.

BOY IS KILLED BY FIRE TRUCK DRIVER

Raleigh, Nov. 8.—Carl Willard, aged 9, son of J. C. Willard, was killed, and Walter Reed, negro, from Goldsboro, was seriously injured, here yesterday when a fire truck driven by Capt. Earl Smith ran into the crowd witnessing a fire. Smith was placed under arrest on the charge of manslaughter, but was released under \$2,000 bond.

FEDERAL RESERVE LETS DOWN BARS

Washington, Nov. 8.—The Federal Reserve Board yesterday established a new policy allowing the admission of state banks to the system on condition that they agree not to establish branch banks without permission of the Federal Board and to relinquish any branches outside of the city in which the parent bank is located.

CLINICIAN GIVES POOR FREE SERVICE

Charlotte, Nov. 8.—Dr. G. L. Rea, city clinician, under plans just completed, in the future will spend five mornings a week in the free treatment of patients among the poor of the city. Dr. W. A. McPhaul, city-county health officer, says that the services of Dr. Rea will be invaluable during this coming winter to those of the city who are unable to afford a physician.

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HART PROMISES PROMPT ACTION

Tells Pasquotank Delegation Contract For Road From Camden To Currituck Be Placed At Next Meeting

Contract for the construction of the Camden-to-Currituck Courthouse road will be placed at the very next meeting, according to assurances given the Pasquotank delegation that visited District Commissioner Hart at his home at Tarboro following the meeting of the Pasquotank Highway Commission on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Hart received the delegation with his usual urbanity and frankly admitted that the letting of this contract had been delayed by his trip to Europe. He was positive in his assurance, however, that there would be no further delay and that the contract would be let promptly and the work pushed to early completion.

Commissioner Hart was firm in his position, however, that the road through Camden and Currituck will have to be a nine-foot road, unless Camden and Currituck counties will come across, as Pasquotank has done, with the difference between the cost of a nine-foot road and a 16-foot road. He is committed, he says, to a hard surfaced road all the way from Edenton to Currituck Courthouse and there are not sufficient State funds, which are allotted on the basis of area and population, to build this road wider than nine feet.

It was the understanding of some members of the Pasquotank Highway Commission when Pasquotank agreed to pay seven-sixteenths of the paving cost of the road to Woodville that the agreement was based on a hard-surfaced road of the same width all the way to Currituck Courthouse; but that was not Commissioner Hart's understanding and no further effort will be made by the Pasquotank highway body to contest his position; namely, that the road is to be hard-surfaced all the way to Currituck Courthouse, but that if the width is greater than nine feet the additional cost will have to be borne locally.

In the written statement in which Commissioner Hart committed himself to the hard surfacing of the district highway throughout its length no mention is made of the width of the proposed highway.

DAVIDSON TO PLAY FURMAN FAIR WEEK

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 8.—Of interest in North Carolina is the statement made here that plans are under way for the Davidson College, Furman University football game to be made a part of the annual Fair Week celebration here. Nothing definite has been decided though there has been a suggestion that some South Carolina eleven replace Davidson. It is believed locally that either the Citadel of Charleston or the Davidson College Wildcats will be selected for the annual game here, it having already been determined that Furman will oppose the team chosen.

GINNING REPORTS SHOWS CROP SHORT

Washington, Nov. 8.—Cotton of this year's crop gained priority to November 1 aggregated 7,554,587 bales as compared with 8,139,215 bales ginned to that date last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

COOLIDGE ASSURES FARMERS OF HELP

Washington, Nov. 8.—Plans of Southern farmers as represented in the American Cotton Association to combat the boll weevil were laid before President Coolidge today by Harvey Jordan, secretary of the association, and the President is said to have told Jordan that he would assure the association of the Government's co-operation.

IS APPOINTED TO MILITARY ACADEMY

New York, Nov. 8.—Caleb D. Bradham, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bradham of this city has been appointed to the United States Military Academy by Congressman Chas. L. Abernathy. The young man at present is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina.

BAVARIANS DECIDE TO MARCH ON BERLIN

London, Nov. 8.—The Berlin correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph today forwarded a telegram from Munich which says that the Bavarian Irregulars have decided to march on Berlin tomorrow.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 8.—Spot cotton, closed steady, Middling 34.55, an advance of 5 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 34.04, Jan. 33.67, March 33.95, May 34.00, July 33.48.

New York, Nov. 8.—At 10 a. m., today cotton futures stood at the following levels: Dec. 33.95, Jan. 33.59, March 33.75, May 33.70, July 33.15.