

WEATHER

Fair Tuesday; colder in east portion; Wednesday fair with rising temperature

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DENOUNCES POST CORRESPONDENT AND THE KU KLUX KLAN

Louisiana Governor Declares Post Correspondent's Article on Klan Control in Ala. 99 Per Cent Inaccurate

TO BREAK UP THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Assurance was given Governor Parker, of Louisiana today by President Harding that whatever Federal interest were involved in alleged activities of the Ku Klux Klan in that state the federal authorities were ready to extend full co-operation.

This was in reply to a request by the governor for government help in cutting off from the organization in Louisiana the support and encouragement which he asserted was receiving from the outside.

At the White House conference of the President and Mr. Parker, attended also by Attorney General Daugherty, it was agreed that the state governments would be fully able to cope with the situation.

The governor declared in a formal statement on leaving the White House that "regardless of the cost and consequences" a most thorough investigation of the outrages would be made.

At the same time he vigorously denied that there was in Louisiana any such conditions as was indicated in an article written by a staff correspondent of the Washington Post, and published over the country. In a letter to the Post Mr. Parker said that the statement of this article that reduced "the sovereignty of Louisiana to the vassalage of the Invisible Empire," was one of the most inaccurate observations he had ever known a newspaperman to make, asserting that the article was 99 per cent inaccurate, and conveyed a totally wrong impression, and that the damage done by it, and given display in the Post, would be the subject of a conference on "my return to Louisiana."

"Masked men and Invisible Empire have no place in America," the letter continued, "and I have denounced the Ku Klux Klan as rigorously as I know how in its own stronghold. We have only begun to fight this movement which strikes at the fundamentals of orderly government. We will be ready to rid Louisiana of this vicious development if we can have the help of other states and the federal government. We can deal effectively with our local situation if it can be cut off from support and encouragement it has been receiving from the outside. I have thought that co-operation would meet the situation in the most immediate way and to free the people of certain communities of the terrorism in which they are now held. Since the plan does not work in the open I may say that the proper preventative is largely an investigational one."

Says Klan Not in Politics

ATLANTA, Nov. 21.—Frank L. Savage, chief of staff at headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan here today denied that the Klan is in politics in Louisiana or elsewhere, in referring to the visit of Governor Parker to President Harding of Louisiana, today.

The state authorities of Louisiana appear at this time to be fully capable of handling any situation within their jurisdiction growing out of activities of secret organizations or other agencies. It was declared in a statement issued at the White House today, after a conference on the subject between President Harding, Attorney General Daugherty, Governor Parker, of Louisiana, and Attorney General Clegg of that state.

In view of the sufficiency of the state authority, the White House statement said, "there is nothing at this time for the Federal government to do except to give assurance to the state authorities that wherever Federal interests are involved the Federal authorities are ready to extend full co-operation."

Governor Parker upon leaving the White House, also issued a statement in which he said:

"The responsible government of the state is determined that regardless of cost or consequence, a most thorough investigation will be made of the outrages reported to have been made by the Ku Klux Klan in Louisiana."

"Certain terrorizing outrages have been committed, horrifying crimes have been reported and it is vital that responsibility shall be fixed and offenders punished not because of any organized association, but in spite of this."

"The law of state and nation must be upheld under any and all circumstances."

The governor said he would remain in Washington until tomorrow, but did not outline his plans.

CONGRESSMAN INVESTIGATES

ALEXANDRIA, La., Nov. 20.—Congressman J. B. Aswell, of Louisiana, at Washington, late yesterday wired the sheriff and coroner of Rapides Parish and the postmaster of Alexandria seeking information regarding the truth of reports published concerning a "reign of terror" in Louisiana, which said Governor Parker was en route to Washington.

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Greene County Officers Arrested Here Yesterday

They Were Also Dumfounded to Know That They Didn't Have Any Right to Carry Concealed Weapons on Wayne Soil—Charges, However, Were Withdrawn

Deputy Sheriff Fred Caraway, Constable Suggs, and Deputy-constable Mooring, all of Greene county, were arrested in the Wayne county court house yesterday in Recorder's court on charges of kidnapping, assault, potential hope-breaking and carrying concealed weapons. These charges grew out of their prosecution of Thedie Hill on charges of resisting officers and carrying a concealed weapon, after their having arrested Hill on Wayne county soil. The officers were put in such a close position that they backed water on the concealed weapon charge against Hill. Of course the charge of resisting an officer vanished away in proportion to the acquiescence of the assault charge against the officers. Pretty soon the officers were dumfounded to find out they had no more business carrying pistols in Wayne county than John Doe, or anybody else.

The end came when Hill was acquitted of the charges against him, and the charges against the officers were withdrawn.

All the trouble began when Hill, passing the home of Abe Hart, colored, saw the officers breaking in and wanted to know "What in the h— all this is about." The officers proceeded to tell him "What in the h— it was about."

Some said that Hill was on his way to get a drink and some said not, but none of them said a drink of what. They were all agreed that he didn't like the belligerent attitude of the officers, and so he proceeded to get belligerent himself, for he seemed to know that the officers had a "foreign look about them."

That was clearly brought out by Prosecutor Dees, who argued that the officers were on a hot trail and had a right to cross the line.

"Oh you are arguing international law now," retorted Col. Langston, attorney for Hill. "You are thinking of the United States and Mexico." Hence Hill's regarding the officers, as "foreigners."

HAM WOMAN IS GIVEN 30 DAY JAIL SENTENCE

Her Paramour, Charlie Stokes, Gets a Still Longer Term For His Sins

Maggie D. Ham and her paramour, Charlie Stokes, were given three months each in jail in Recorder's court yesterday by Judge Bland. Stokes was given six additional months for being found guilty of communicating a loathsome disease. Both were found guilty of adultery. Charges of larceny and others still rest against Stokes.

Welfare Superintendent A. E. Howell, Miss Mary Hardy, secretary of the Charity Organization Society, and Dr. A. J. Ellington, were all in court to prosecute the pair. Mr. Howell and Miss Hardy said they had trouble with them for several years, and that Maggie was about the worst case they had ever encountered.

Worst of all, two of Maggie's children are infected by the disease. Pearl, age 5, is in the hospital being treated, while it is feared that Sally, age 12, has lost her eyesight.

Stokes tells great yarn. Hugh Dortch, Judge Bland, Miss Hardy, Dr. Ellington, and half a court room full of officers and spectators, both black and white, seemed to think it was the greatest they ever heard. Most of them became ashamed for the prisoner with his wild protests of "love" and hid their face with their hands. But he talked on, assuring again and again that he was willing to marry this woman, take care of her, her mother and her five children if he could, and that this was what he had wanted to do all the time. The reason he gave for not having done it was that he had lacked the money. He denied that he had done anything to "pull-time" for a week.

Spectators had expected to see a hoop in the witness chair, but they saw one of the quickest spoken witnesses that has occupied that chair in many courts. He spoke with almost as much precision as the late Rev. I. T. Stroud, who was tried sometime ago on the same charge. He steered straight through, though, with his speed and readiness of reply. His sallow complexion and short nose-colored curls were the only marks of the variegated color of the woman's hair and complexion. The Charity organization says they have not been able to place Maggie's children because they were unable to determine whether they were part mulatto or not.

Crowded Living Conditions. "I'll marry this woman as soon as I get out of this trouble," Stokes said again and again.

"No you won't," the woman said from her chair.

Another arrest growing out of the case was that of Mrs. Nathan Cox, of Edmondson Hill. She is said to have infected half a dozen persons and is in jail undergoing treatment.

When the welfare department went to the Ham home to make the arrest, they found very repulsive conditions of sanitation. They found eight people sleeping in two beds.

CENO IS HAVING TROUBLE ROUNDING OUT HIS CABINET

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nearly a week has passed since the cabinet of Chancellor Wirth resigned, and the ministerial crisis is considered to be still a new cabinet of work, as he described it, it was hoped he would have all the portfolios, or at least the most of them, filled by today, but such difficulties have developed that it is believed likely he may even abandon the effort altogether.

Lodge Spent \$3,920. WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Expenditures of \$3,920 consisting of contributions to state and municipal Republican committees and to Republican clubs, were listed by Senator Lodge, Republican, Massachusetts, in a final campaign expense account filed today.

MRS. FENTON CHEERED WHEN 67TH CONGRESS CONVENED YESTERDAY

Her Status Is to Be Determined By Senate Sometime During Tuesday

LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE INITIAL SESSION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The 67th congress formally opened today for the third session, but it did little more than get a drink and some sleep, but it is the hope of President Harding that substantial progress will be made on the administration marine legislation and considerable advance work done on the annual supply bills which will come up in the regular session beginning December.

President Harding, in his message to the capitol tomorrow in person, appearing before a joint session in the hall of the house at 12:30 p. m.

In both senate and house the gavel beginning the new session dropped a few minutes after 12 o'clock and then in both chambers there followed the usual formalities which attend the turning over of a new page in congressional history. The program on both sides was so arranged as to permit adjournment after these ceremonies until tomorrow, as a mark of respect for the late Senator Watson, of Georgia, and the late Representative Nolan, of California.

The senate was in session only thirteen minutes, adjourning without giving an opportunity for Mrs. W. H. Fenton, of Georgia, or any other new senators to take the oath of office.

Mrs. Felton Must Wait

Mrs. Felton waited in vain for an hour and a half in the senate chamber today to learn whether senate leaders would permit her to take her seat as the first woman senator in view of the recent election of Walter F. George as her successor. After much scratching of heads over the problem the senate managers decided to let a decision go over until tomorrow.

Over a place in the rear of the seats on the Democratic side of the chamber the 37-year-old "Grand Old Woman of Georgia" peered out through her spectacles upon the opening formalities of the special session and then without a mention of her name having gone into the senate record saw an adjournment taken until tomorrow as a mark of respect for the late Senator Watson, to whose place she had been appointed by Governor Hardwick.

There was a demonstration in the galleries half an hour before the senate convened when former Senator Smith escorted Mrs. Felton down the center aisle of the chamber to the vice-president's room and introduced her to Mr. Coolidge. The galleries, filled mostly with women, applauded and the aged Georgia woman stopped just before the chair of the presiding officer, turned and threw a kiss to those who had greeted her, as the first woman ever to be appointed to the senate.

Another outburst of cheering echoed through the chamber a few minutes later, when on the arm of Senator Harris, of Georgia, Mrs. Felton again passed up the center aisle and was seated at the desk of an absent senator alongside Senator Harris.

Representatives of a number of suffrage organizations were present and led in the cheering, which broke out once again when Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, went over and shook hands.

A committee of women representing a local Democratic organization presented Mrs. Felton with a bouquet of 87 large roses just before the senate convened.

61 Senators Respond

Sixty-one senators responded to the senate roll call.

The house roll call showed 291 members present. Six new representatives elected to fill vacancies, were sworn in, and the house adjourned at 12:40 o'clock.

In addition to Mrs. Felton, several other new senators were present, ready to be sworn in. They included Senator-elect Bayard, Democrat, Delaware; George, Democrat, Georgia; and Brookhart, Republican, Iowa.

In the house a new amplifying machine, used for the first time, sounded like a ship's siren as it thundered out.

FIREMEN REFUSE TO DESERT GAME TO ANSWER ALARM

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 20.—Several thousand persons at a football game at Coaldale near here, yesterday, refused to desert the game to fight a fire when the alarm was turned in and as a result a house situated in a sparsely settled section of the Borough was destroyed. Appeals were made at the game for firemen to respond, but not one answered. Coaldale tied Shenandoah six and six.

Applause Breaks Long-Drawn Tension of M. E. Conference

Applause Resounded in Church When Rev. W. W. Peck Is Returned to Raleigh For Fifth Year, Drawing Protest From the Bishop—Rev. G. T. Adams Goes to Dunn

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—Rev. W. W. Peck, for four years pastor to Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, was returned by the North Carolina Conference for its fifth year. The reading of his appointment, reserved for the very last of the long list, kept the congregation in such close tension, that it resulted in a burst of applause that was sternly silenced by the bishop.

"My brethren, this won't do," he exclaimed with uplifted hand. "This is a religious service and some things are appropriate and some are not. I did not expect this in Edenton Street Church. I am ashamed of you."

Rev. H. I. Glass, for four years pastor in Edenton, comes to Central, Raleigh, Rev. C. K. Proctor, two years pastor there, going to Queen's Street, Winston, succeeding Rev. C. L. Reade. Rev. L. B. Pattishall, for three years pastor of Jenkins Memorial, is moved to Epworth, Raleigh, and Rev. R. F. Bumpas, who has been at Franklinton, coming to Jenkins Memorial. Mr. Bumpas was at one time pastor of Edenton Street.

Rev. John C. Wooten, presiding elder of the Raleigh district, returns for a fourth year.

Long Custom Broken. For the first time in the history of Methodism in Raleigh a pastor of a Methodist Church is returned for more than the four years which until a few years ago was the limit of service on any one charge. Not only Methodists, but people of all denominations who have learned to know and love Mr. Peck during his four years here, were eager for his return. While the Edenton Street people had been pretty well assured that he was not to be changed they were not absolutely certain until his name was read when the pent up feeling of suspense broke forth into applause against all custom of the Methodist Church.

Rev. M. Bradshaw, who has been pastor of Memorial Church, Durham, for four years, was also returned for a fifth year.

New Central Pastor. Rev. H. I. Glass, comes to Central, Raleigh in 1913. He is one of the strongest of the young preachers of the conference, and has made a fine record during the four years he has been in Tarboro. Mr. Proctor goes to one of the strongest churches of the conference at Queen Street, Winston.

One new presiding elder was appointed, Rev. C. B. Culbreth, at one time pastor of Epworth Church, Raleigh, and serving the past year at Carr Church, Durham, was appointed presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district. Rev. R. H. Willis, who had been presiding elder on that district for four years, succeeding his Rev. J. D. Bundy, who had served his four years he has been in Edenton. Mr. Glass is not married. Mr. Proctor goes to one of the strongest churches of the Conference at Queen Street, Winston.

The appointments were read in a silence unbroken except for the rustling of the leaves of the Conference Journal as the preachers and delegates checked up the list and noted the changes that were made.

Best Be The. The hymn, "Best Be The Tie That Binds," was sung, and Rev. G. F. Smith offered prayer. Bishop Denny read the list that sends the men out to their charges for the year with only the briefest preface as the time of departure of the noon trains was pressing.

Some of the appointments wrung his heart the bishop said, but all had been made in the most brotherly spirit with love and patience in the work. He expressed his appreciation of the courtesies extended him while in the city and explained that haste to catch a train would prevent his stopping to bid the members a personal good-bye.

The appointments, as read, were:

Durham District. Presiding Elder, M. T. Plyler. Burlington, Front Street, W. B. North; Webb Avenue, N. E. Coltrane. Burlington Circuit, Lindsey Frazer. Brookdale Circuit, B. T. Hurley. Carboro, J. W. Autrey. Chapel Hill, Walter Patton. Durham, Branson, H. C. Ewing; Calvary, S. E. Earnhardt; Carr, J. H. Buffalo; Lakewood, W. C. Ball; Memorial, M. Bradshaw. Trinity, A. D. Wilcox; Pearl Mill, H. M. Wellman; West Durham, J. W. Bradley. Durham Circuit, W. F. Craven. Eno, D. M. Sharpe. Graham and Haw River, G. M. Daniel; Hillsboro, J. E. Blalock. Leasburg (one to be supplied), S. F. Nix. Mehane, N. C. Yearby. Milton Circuit, J. Bascomb Hurley. Mount Airy, J. C. Williams, Person Circuit, B. C. Thompson, Roxboro, Long Memorial, J. B. Hurley. East Roxboro and Longhurst, S. J. Starnes (supply). Rougemont Circuit, J. F. Starnes. South Alamance Circuit, W. R. Hardesty. Yanveville Circuit, J. T. Stanford. Professor in Trinity College, H. E. Spence. Conference Missionary Secretary, A. D. Wilcox.

Elizabeth City District. Presiding Elder, C. E. Culbreth. Cowan, N. M. Wright. Columbia Circuit, M. W. Heater. Currituck Circuit, J. P. Moss. Dare Circuit, R. N. Pitts (supply). Edenton, J. V. Knight. Elizabeth City, First Church, N. H. D. Wilson; City Road, H. E. Myers. Gates Circuit, E. R. Clegg. Battures Circuit, J. M. Joliff (supply). Hertford, B. B. Slaughter. Kennebec Circuit, C. A. Johnson. Kitty Hawk, E. J. Midgett (supply). Moyock, W. B. Humble. North Gates, J. O. Long. Pantego and Belhaven, T. E. Davis. Pasquotank, E. L. Stack. Perquimans, W. T. Phipps. Plymouth, W. A. Lowe. Roanoke Island, A. W. Price. Roper, E. L. Hill. South Camden, J. H. Carroll. South Mills, L. M. Coffin. Stumpy Point, A. E. Brown. President—Searritt Bible Training School, J. C. Cunningham. Professor in Southern Methodist University, J. M. Ormond.

Fayetteville District. Presiding Elder, R. H. Willis. Bladen Circuit, G. H. Biggs. Buckhorn Circuit, W. A. Piland. Carthage Circuit, G. W. Perry. Duke, H. L. Davis; N. H. McDonald, supernumerary. Dunn, G. T. Adams. Elizabeth Circuit, H. E. Lane. Fayetteville, Hay Street, H. A. Humble; R. B. John, supernumerary; Person and Calvary, E. C. Maness. Fayetteville Circuit, W. Maness. Glendon Circuit, A. B. Crump. Goldston, E. C. Sell. Haw River Circuit, J. R. Edwards. Hemp Circuit, J. C. Cummings. Jonesboro Circuit, B. E. Stanfield. Lillington Circuit, C. R. Ross. Manners Circuit, L. R. Gates. Newton Grove Circuit, S. W. Phillips. Parkton Circuit, R. F. Munns. Pittsboro Circuit, J. J. Boone. Roseboro Circuit, J. A. Tharpe. Sanford, L. B. Jones. Siler Circuit, O. L. Hinson. Steadman Circuit, R. F. Taylor.

New Bern District. Presiding Elder, F. M. Shamburger. Atlantic and Sealevel, E. J. Lewis (Continued on Page Four.)

SHIP LINE PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY GOV. MORRISON

His Pledges Carried Out, Chief Executive Plans New Legislation

NEW ROAD BOND ISSUE OF \$15,000,000 SLATED

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Taking the position that practically every promise on the platform of the present administration already has been carried out, Governor Cameron Morrison now is organizing his forces for a concentrated effort to pass the state shipping line corporation bill and other closely allied measures at the next session of the North Carolina general assembly, it was learned tonight at the capitol.

The chief executive, in discussing his proposal, stated he favored the creation of an "able commission something like the highway board to govern the establishment and operation of the shipping line." This body, he continued, should be "clothed with ample power, as decided upon by the legislature, to work out all details for the corporation's success."

Appropriation Not Determined. As to the exact amount of the appropriation which would be required to establish the state-owned line, it was stated further study than has been made at this date would be required before a definite conclusion is reached.

The governor is of the opinion there will be no conflict between the adoption of his proposal for a shipping line corporation commission and another proposition to establish a port commission. The suggestion that a port commission be established developed among the executive's supporters. It was stated, and all interested parties now have agreed that the shipping line commission measure, the power of which will be fixed by the assembly is to be introduced with their support.

In reaching the decision to unite his forces behind a few closely related measures, Governor Morrison held the opinion, it was asserted by those familiar with his plans, that the highway improvement program now in contemplation with no further difficulty and that "many of the other progressive things the administration has been working on will proceed according to expectations."

TWO-HEADED SNAKE AGAIN CHANGES HANDS

Band Put Up By Indian For Monster—Trial This Term Superior Court

A two-headed snake valued at \$900 was delivered to Carson Loclear, Indian, yesterday when he signed "John Doe" to a bond, and so one of the strangest cases in the history of Wayne county will go into Superior court when court convenes over the 27th—the suit of two men over a two-headed snake. Willie Wortham, colored, and the Indian, Carson Loclear, both claim ownership of the snake.

Roscoe Butler, Clinton attorney, counsel for Loclear, and Paul Edmondson, counsel for Willie Wortham, have agreed to file their complaints and answers in time to bring the case up in Superior court in the coming session. Butler is filing the complaint and Edmondson the answer, which perhaps is the first complaint and answer ever filed in the annals of court proceeding over a two-headed snake.

The snake is said to have been captured two weeks ago in Sampson county. All who have seen it say that it not only has two heads, four eyes, and two mouths, but, that it eats with both mouths. It is an Adder about six inches long.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Selection of a jury to try former Governor Sidney J. Catts, on a charge of perjury in Federal court here today consumed less than an hour and a half. B. C. Christian, one of the four negroes in the venire of forty-one and who was drawn in the first panel was challenged by the defense and the jury as sworn was composed of 12 white men.

CLEMENCEAU OVER 80, SPRY AS MAN OF FIFTY

Prolong Lives of Animals, He Tells Doctor, But Let People Be Happy

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Georges Clemenceau who arrived last Saturday to begin a lecture of the United States at the age of 81 was persuaded today to permit two medical men to give him a thorough overhauling. At the end of the examination they pronounced the vigorous old Tiger fit at a man of fifty.

Clemenceau arose at five o'clock this morning and after an early breakfast of hard boiled eggs and onions and cheese soup started work on the speech he will deliver tomorrow night.

The Tiger said he was feeling fine despite the strain of the last two days' receptions. He had come to the decision he declared that American women were even more beautiful now than they were a half century ago.

Dr. Francois Leclercq, a physician who came to renew his acquaintance with Clemenceau living in Paris years ago, heard the Tiger's first growl today. When Dr. Leclercq began to tell him of some new medical discoveries which might lead to the indefinite prolongation of human life, Clemenceau said:

"You keep quiet about that. Otherwise I will kill you. Cure the snakes, the dogs and the cats. That's all right. But leave human beings alone. Let them die happy."

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME HERE THIS WEEK

New Bern and Rocky Mount Friday or Roanoke Rapids and New Bern Saturday

The high school championship of Eastern North Carolina will be played here Friday if Rocky Mount defeats Roanoke Rapids today. On the other hand, if Roanoke Rapids defeats Rocky Mount the championship game will be played here Saturday. New Bern is the other contender, while Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids are tied for second place.

This statement was made last night by W. C. Denmark secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, after communicating with E. R. Rankin, of Chapel Hill, over long distance telephones. The place of the Eastern Carolina championship game was decided at a meeting at the Yarborough hotel last night. Goldsboro was selected because of the large attendance of the Carolina-Wake Forest game, and because of the initiative of the Chamber of Commerce in going after the game.