

ONE ARRESTED IN MER ROUGE KIDNAPING CASE; ATTORNEY GENERAL ORDERS HEARING

Former Parish Officer Charged with Murder in Connection with Disappearance of Two Men in August.

HELD IN JAIL FOR HEARING JANUARY 5

Other Arrests Are Expected; Machine Guns Mounted on Jail Where T. J. Burnett is Held in Connection With the Kidnaping-Murder Charge

Morehouse parish deputy, T. J. Burnett, of Snyder, La., was arrested late today by an order of Attorney General A. V. ...

These arrested will face the open hearing to begin in parish courthouse January 5 under guard of state troops.

An inquest was conducted behind closed doors at Mer Rouge this afternoon over the bodies broken up by the machine gun.

Officials declared they were satisfied with the identification of the bodies as those of Daniels and Richards.

Department of Justice investigators have frequently declared they had a list of the names of those connected with the kidnaping tragedy.

The bodies were turned over to a committee consisting of relatives and friends late today.

Many believe the surrender of the bodies to the kin and the departure of the troops may kindle the outbreak between the hostile camps created at Mer Rouge since the August kidnaping.

Department of justice agents and state officials have, during the past four months, under the personal direction of Governor Parker, prepared a chain of circumstantial evidence connecting the movements of the mob in the fatal night which will be the basis of the prosecution.

Trouble started in Morehouse last summer, when an alleged attempt was made to assassinate Dr. B. M. McKern, former mayor of Mer Rouge.

Heads and Richards were believed by some to have been implicated in the attempted assassination. A few days after that event, Daniels and Richards and their friends, that a crowd of men in white robes and masks took them separately questioned, warned, threatened and released them.

While the secret continues (Continued on Page Two.)

Lausanne Parleys Adjourn For Holidays; Respite May Aid in Reaching Agreement

POLLARD IS HELD FOR HIGHER COURT ON MURDER CHARGE

Alleged Murderer of Mrs. Richardson Permitted to Bail in Sum of \$10,000.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23.—Failing to force the prosecution to play its "trump card" at the preliminary hearing today, the defense of Thomas Pollard, real estate man, who is charged with murder in connection with the killing of his former stenographer, Mrs. Thelma Richardson, at his home here on the night of December 11, contented itself with the introduction of a new witness, the brother of the accused—and police Justice Ingram said Pollard is to be grand jury, which meets January 2.

J. Mosby West, arrested on the night of the killing on a charge of being an accessory in the death of Mrs. Richardson, was freed when the justice dismissed the warrant against him. He was held under a bond of \$5,000, however, as a material witness.

Pollard's bail of \$10,000, made within a few hours after his arrest, was declined and he will remain at liberty under this bond until the grand jury investigates the case next month.

In admitting Pollard to bail, Justice Ingram denied the request of Commonwealth attorney Satterfield that he be committed to jail without the privilege of bail. The justice stated that he thought Pollard was entitled to bail and that the original bond of \$10,000 was sufficient.

The climax of the hearing came late this afternoon when counsel for the defense sought to spring a surprise by calling Mrs. S. Parke Register, one of the state's chief witnesses, as a witness for the defense.

According to Mr. Satterfield, Mrs. Register made an affidavit to him in which she stated that a portion of the law enacted on the lawn of the Pollard home before the shooting. This affidavit, the prosecutor said, would prove valuable in the trial of the case.

Robert N. Pollard, brother of Thomas Pollard, testified at the hearing. He said he was summoned from his home and, upon arriving at the residence of his brother, found Mrs. Richardson lying on the lawn. Thomas was standing nearby, he said, and told him "that he was here after me with this pistol."

"My brother told me that she had phoned him she was coming to his house," he continued. "When she arrived, he said, 'Enter the vestibule, he closed the door, and pointed the pistol at him.' He said he took the pistol away from her and she ran out on the lawn. He said he followed her down the steps, when she turned and attempted to regain possession of the pistol, and in the struggle she was shot."

H. G. Connor, Jr., Hurt In Accident at Lucama

WILSON, Dec. 23.—H. G. Connor, Jr., North Carolina legislator, was thrown several feet through the window of a coach when eight cars of northbound A. C. L. train No. 52 were derailed near Lucama, shortly before 2 o'clock today. Fifteen persons were injured, but only two badly enough to be carried to a hospital. The wreck is attributed to the fact that some of the 250 passengers were seriously injured as a result of the derailed cars.

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POPE PIUS MAY CALL ECUMENICAL COUNCIL IN 1925

That He Is Considering Such Is Revealed in a Papal Encyclical.

EVENT WOULD MARK NEXT JUBILEE YEAR

In Official Utterances the Pope Enumerates Evils of the Present.

ROME, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Pope Pius XI, considering the possibility of calling an ecumenical council in Rome during 1925, the next jubilee year of the church, it was announced in the papal encyclical issued today.

A general meeting of the whole episcopacy here "would be most suitable to the coming jubilee year, whence immense advantage might come to the cause of peace after so long and so profound an upheaval. But the reassembling of the ecumenical council at the Vatican would be such a grave event that it is necessary to wait and pray as did the pious leader of God's elect people, until God gives a clearer sign of His wishes."

The encyclical touches on the 26th international eucharistic congress, when the pope recalls that he was able to meet nearly all the members of the sacred college and other church officers.

Proceeding to enumerate the evils of the present, the pope says that mankind, the social classes and the various peoples, have not yet attained a true peace after the terrors of war. He alludes to the public life of the peoples as still surrounded by a deep fog of hatred and mutual differences and offenses.

He deplores that modesty in women and girls is trampled under foot; the document says, "by looseness in dress, in talking, and in dancing, unseemly dresses, with open insult to the modesty of others, often rendered more provoking by the all too frequent ostentation and impudence of those whom sudden gains have enriched but not improved."

Going on to enumerate the remedies for various conditions cited, the pontiff says the most urgent is pacification of the spirit so as not to have more apparent peace, but that true and cordial peace which can only be the peace of Christ.

"The peace of Christ," the papal document says, "respect for order and authority will return, but only the Catholic church, the united and infallible holder and interpreter of this doctrine of Christ, has the capacity effectively to fight that materialism which has already accumulated so many ruins, and to bring back to individuals, families and societies the true healthy vigor of vitality, as superior to the philosophical as a revelation is superior to pure reason; the capacity to teach true democracy, instilling into the masses the spirit of true fraternity."

Therefore, by restoring Christ's reign, which have done efficaciously the work for the present and future pacification of humanity, the work prepared for us with the almost divine instinct which Benedict XV admirably developed. These two programs melt into one, Christ in Christ, King of Kings.

Before such a vast labor," the encyclical continues, "the heart of the Holy Father would fall without the help of his faith in God and His episcopacy. Therefore, he is considering the possibility of a general meeting of the whole episcopacy in this center of Catholicism."

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Leaders of Both Races Refute Charges of Unfair Treatment Of New Bern Negro Fire Victims

JOHNSON ASSAILS BORAH'S PROPOSAL FOR DISARMAMENT

Conference on Economics and Naval Limitation Would Make U. S. Dumping Grounds.

OTHER IRRECONCILABLES STAND WITH JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The proposal of Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, for an economic and disarmament conference to be called by President Harding, was assailed tonight by Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, who said in a public statement that the plan would "dump into America's lap the economic ills of Europe and the reparations muddle."

Senator Johnson's statement was the first outward evidence of a breach in the ranks of the senate "irreconcilables" over the Borah proposal, now pending as an amendment to the naval appropriation bill. Senators Borah and Johnson were steadfast allies throughout the long fight against the league of nations and on many other questions of foreign and domestic policy they have acted together.

Others of the "irreconcilables" group were reported tonight to be opposed to Senator Borah's proposal. It is expected that the senate when it reassembles next Wednesday, and Senator Johnson's public attack was interpreted as meaning at least that Senator Borah had not convinced the senators before offering the proposal.

The administration's attitude toward the amendment has not been disclosed, but senate Republican leaders are expected to confer with the President before it comes to a vote. Senator Watson, Republican of Indiana, discussed the amendment with the President today, but said he did not learn Mr. Harding's position. After his white house visit, however, the Indiana senator said he would not support the amendment in its present form, but would favor its amendment.

The Democratic position on the plan also is not clear. It is expected that Democrats have been expected to give it their support, although some have said privately that they believed a European economic conference in this country would be impractical. In other Democratic quarters the Borah plan is hailed as an endorsement of the Democratic position for American cooperation in European settlements.

Prolonged discussion of the Borah and similar amendments is predicted generally. Senator King, Democrat of Oregon, has introduced an amendment pending, and the bill already contains a house provision requesting the President to call another naval limitation conference to deal with small vessels and aircraft not regulated by the Washington naval treaty.

The statement issued by Senator Johnson tonight declared that what Senator Borah had proposed was in reality an abandonment of the "traditional policy of America."

May Seek Change of Venue in Thomas Case

CONCORD, Dec. 21.—Attorneys for O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman who recently was convicted in court here last January of the murder of Arthur J. Allen, of this city, are expected to ask for a change of venue when the trial is called, according to authentic reports.

The trial is scheduled for the January term of court. Thomas contended he shot Allen in self-defense. The shooting occurred in Kannapolis, October 25, 1921. Mrs. Robert Lowe, who was said to have been with Thomas at the time, has left the state. She was a witness in the case. Her attorneys, testifying at the first trial also are said to be in other states.

Thomas was convicted of second degree murder and was under an eight-year sentence. During the trial it was intimated by the defendant's attorneys that it would be impossible to obtain a fair trial for him in Cabarrus county.

The state is expected to ask for the verdict of murder in the first degree, according to information in court circles.

Allegations Made to New York Papers Denied By Mayor and Negro Rector.

WRANGLE OVER LAND ONLY BLUR ON HORIZON

City Seeking to Convert Property of Whites and Blacks into Public Park and Cemetery Extensions; Matter Now in Hands of Courts; Condition Improving.

Leaders of both races in New Bern yesterday refuted charges made to New York newspapers that unfair treatment was being accorded the negro sufferers by the white committees handling the relief work.

The Star communicated with Mayor Edward Clark, general chairman of the relief campaign, and the Rev. Robert R. Johnston, rector of St. Cyprian's Episcopal church, and one of the foremost negroes of North Carolina. Their statements were practically identical.

Allegations made to New York newspapers said that white relief committees had diverted supplies sent by negroes in New York and used them solely for white persons; that the negro church was used as a relief hospital over the protest of the congregation, and that white doctors and nurses of inferior talent were given right of way over more skilled negro doctors and nurses.

It was further alleged that attempts are now being made to prevent the negroes from retaining their property in the fire zone by imposition of ordinances requiring them to erect buildings at excessive cost.

Mayor Clark last night declared the rumors absolutely without foundation. The entire city, the mayor asserted, is working toward the rehabilitation of New Bern, and everything possible is being done to alleviate suffering in the ranks of both races.

Regarding the use of the church as an emergency station, Mr. Clark said that the building is in the heart of the city, opposite the city hall, and has been evacuated, and negroes being cared for in a department store, formerly occupied by Copeland brothers. This building is in the heart of the city, opposite the city hall, and has been evacuated, and negroes being cared for in a department store, formerly occupied by Copeland brothers.

Persons prejudiced against the south and seeking to stir up racial animosity to both white and negro cemeteries. This matter has led to a protest on the part of property owners, which has been carried into the courts.

The Rev. Johnston, who is recognized as a leader of the negro community, stated, listened to the recital of allegations, and then asserted that if such conditions existed he was totally unaware of them.

He said, "The church was used as a hospital, but with his consent, while the work carried on there met with the approval of the bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of this city."

The building has now been evacuated, he said, and relief work inaugurated elsewhere. The Rev. Mr. Johnston is planning to conduct a special Christmas service in the church today. As to the alleged diversion of supplies, the rector declared he is bitterly opposed to the plan, but are taking their case to the courts, where they will fight it out in a business like way.

Employment is picking up, the Rev. Johnston said, and prospects for an early return to normalcy are very bright.

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THE DAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate and house, after brief sessions, began their Christmas recess and the government departments took a half holiday by order of President Harding.

Secretary Weeks disclosed that much progress already has been made on the plan for industrial mobilization of the nation's resources for service in a national emergency.

Skeleton Found May Be That of Aviator

Hunters Find Bones in Woods Near Rock Springs, Fla.

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 23.—Expressing tonight the belief that the skeleton found in the woods near Rock Springs Thursday by hunters was that of an army aviator who fell with his plane, Sheriff Karel announced tonight he would lead a party of 25 men to the swamp tomorrow to search for the man's body. Evidence to show how the man met death.

Nearly 300 Prisoners Released in Ireland

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Nearly 300 prisoners have been released in the past fortnight, it was stated at free state military headquarters today. Although the majority of them were given their freedom in the last few days, it was in a Christmas arrangement.

The course of signing a pledge not to bear arms against the government had been opened to all prisoners for a considerable time, the officials added, but the approach of the holidays induced many of the republican prisoners to abandon their idea of armed activity. Owing to previous experience with liberal prisoners breaking their promises, the military authorities made a careful investigation of every case before granting release.

Becker Is Convicted of Murdering Wife

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A jury early today convicted Abraham Becker, a chauffeur, for the murder of his wife, Jennie, whose lime-covered body recently was found buried in the auto repair yard of Becker's friend, Reuben Nordkin.