

Morehouse Parish Passes Quiet Christmas Eve Amid Startling Investigations

Vast Throngs Follow Bodies of Kidnapers' Victims to Final Resting Places

SQUAD OF GUARDSMEN ESCORT THE CORTEGE

With the Village of Mer Rouge Literally Sleeping On Its Arms Governor Feared An Outbreak During Hour of the Death Watch—No Sign of Disorder, and Machine Guns Flank Jail Where Suspect is Held

BASTROP, La., Dec. 24.—Morehouse parish was spending a quiet Christmas eve tonight in the midst of the startling investigations instituted by the state last week, to clear up the mystery of the kidnaping case of last August, when five prominent citizens of Mer Rouge were abducted by masked and white-robed men.

More than 200 automobiles and other vehicles were counted parked along the roads leading to the cemetery. The crowds began to assemble at the cemetery hours before the funeral was scheduled.

The Episcopal service was read and a squad of national guardsmen escorted the bodies to the graves, sounded taps and fired a salute, as the bodies were lowered into their resting place of earth after having lain in the Daniels family burying ground, seven miles from Mer Rouge this afternoon, side by side in the presence of a vast throng of relatives, friends and curiously seekers.

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One Dead, Two May Die From Drinking Wool Alcohol Punch

SHELBY, O., Dec. 24.—Ralph Longley is dead, two other men are reported near death and a dozen others are ill here tonight as a result of a "Christmas party" at which wool alcohol is declared by police to have been used as a beverage in the belief that it was "corn whiskey." Police are holding one alleged member of the party, pending further investigation.

Chilean Ambassador Quits Argentine Post

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—Louis Izquierdo, Chilean ambassador to Argentina, has resigned. His place will be taken for the present by Matias Errazu, former minister to Belgium.

Telephone Operator Saves Lives of 63

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ammonia fumes escaping from a large tank exploded today in the basement of the Italian hospital, East 33rd street, endangering 63 patients, who were saved from harm by the presence of mind of Miss Marie De Savio, the telephone switchboard operator. The young woman, although affected by the fumes, and succeeded in telephoning the head nurse in each ward to close all hall doors and open the windows. She then gave the alarm to fire and police headquarters and fell from her chair in a swoon.

Former Governor Craig Resting Much Easier

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 24.—Former Gov. Locke Craig was reported resting a great deal more comfortably today and his condition is believed to be somewhat improved. His condition is still such that the family and friends feel encouraged over the change for the better.

The Day of Days

MANY years ago a little girl wrote to the New York Sun: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Francis Pharcellus Church answered her letter in an editorial which is a Christmas gem and which shines ever brighter with the flight of time: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. And you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. Nobody sees Santa Claus. But that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. "No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Mother Finds Babe Lost For 30 Years

EAST WOBURN, Mass., Dec. 24.—This will be the happiest Christmas ever spent by Mrs. Albert Knowlton. The odd, circular little house, where she lives in this little village, will be the scene of her first real happy Yuletide in three decades. She has her baby once more. Sickness overtook Mrs. Knowlton, 30 years ago. She left her two babies at home in Portland, Me., in care of her husband, while she went to her mother for treatment. When she returned, both babies were gone, turned over to an orphanage. Both had been adopted from it. Frantic search restored one child. No trace, though, was found of the youngest. Through the years, other children were born to her, but the mother's heart yearned for the lost one. But with the yearning was an enduring faith that some day, somehow, God would restore the missing child in his own time. And now that a faith that endured 30 years of discouragement and grief has finally been rewarded, Mrs. Knowlton wants the world to know that hope and faith should spring anew in each burdened heart at Christmas time.

Jealous Hubby Kills Wife Then Suicides

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.—Harry Lynch, 42, is dead and his wife, Lena Lynch, 52, is probably fatally wounded as a result of a shooting affray late today. Mrs. Lynch told police her husband shot her because he was jealous and then ended his own life. Police found two jugs of liquor in the house and they arrested a roomer on a charge of possessing liquor, while another man and a woman roomer were held on charges of intoxication. Peter Cuddy, another roomer, told the police Lynch and his wife had quarreled all afternoon in their room. He heard a shot and the screams of Mrs. Lynch and rushed into the room, he said. Lynch confronted him, he said, shouting: "If you want to come in, I'll shoot you the same way I shot her."

Alleged Slayer Of Policeman Caught

GREENSBORO, Dec. 24.—Carl Talley, wanted in Greensboro in connection with the murder of Policeman W. P. McCuston, of the local force, here May 4, 1921, was captured this afternoon near South Boston, Va., according to information received here tonight from the mayor of South Boston. Talley's arrest was brought about when he was taken to a hospital in Scottsburg, Va., for medical attention following a pistol duel with his cousin. Talley was wounded in the neck, but his condition will not prevent officers from bringing him to Greensboro tomorrow. Talley has admitted his identity and will waive request, according to the South Boston mayor.

REPARATIONS NOW VITAL QUESTION; BORAH PROCLAIMS

Believes Reflection Will Lessen Opposition to a Second of Economic Parley

FEARS ADVANTAGES GAINED MAY BE LOST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Expressing confidence that "more mature reflection would serve to diminish opposition to his proposal that the President call a conference of world powers for discussion of economic questions, and further reduction of land and sea armaments, Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, in a formal statement tonight declared that "we have reached a point where we are to lose all advantages gained at the Washington arms conference unless a solution of the reparations problem is found."

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POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT TURNING TO WILSON AS LEADER OF PARTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—His 68th birthday anniversary on December 28, 1922—will find Woodrow Wilson again in the eye of a political spotlight. Whether the spotlight again will swing to the former president in the center of the radiance is to many the most intriguing question before America.

Wilson has been writing letters on public questions—especially on the late elections. Also his Armistice day speech to admirers gathered at his home revealed he does not yet concede defeat in the cause in which he sacrificed his health, and indicated his expectation that American participation in world affairs would become the dominating issue in 1924.

MOSUL SETTLEMENT RECEIVES SETBACK

Turks Refuse to Admit That Mosul is a Part of Iraq and Mesopotamia

LAUSANNE, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Settlement of the Mosul dispute received a setback today, when the Turks notified the British delegates that they could not accept the British contention that Mosul is part of Iraq, and therefore, of the mandate. The allies and Turks have been trying to solve this question ever since they arrived in Lausanne by means of private discussions; it will come into the conference in connection with the general fixing of Turkey's boundaries.

Mrs. Daniels Pleads For Wilson Foundation

RALEIGH, Dec. 24.—In a statement addressed to North Carolina "believers in Woodrow Wilson," Mrs. Josephus Daniels, executive chairman of the Woodrow Wilson foundation, tonight declared that the state is within \$3,500 of its goal. Final report will be made on the night of December 28.

Incendiary Blaze Endangers Priests

WOBURN, Mass., Dec. 24.—Fire, believed incendiary, endangered the lives of four priests, a housekeeper and two maids of the parish residence of St. Charles' Roman Catholic church, here early today. The fire was discovered by Thomas Trainer, a janitor of the church, who was on his way to work. Discovery of a broken window in the basement led to the belief the fire had been set. It was determined that the blaze started in the basement.

CHARLOTTE LAYMAN IS ORDAINED DEACON

L. R. Anshutz Enters Holy Orders at St. Peters

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 24.—L. E. Anshutz, lay leader of St. Peter's Episcopal church for the past two years, and in charge of the Chapel of Hope at North Charlotte was ordained a deacon this morning. The ceremony took place at St. Peter's church and the candidate for Holy orders was ordained by Bishop Coadjutor E. A. Penick.

PIONEER HOSIERY MAN BURIED AT CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 24.—Funeral services for R. M. Oates, formerly of Charlotte, who died Wednesday at Hendersonville, was held this afternoon. Services at the cemetery were in charge of the Masonic lodge of North Carolina.

BERNHARDT SUFFERS RELAPSE; CONDITION EXTREMELY CRITICAL

Courage Alone Now Sustaining Famous Actress, Attending Doctors' Say

HER RETIREMENT FROM STAGE CERTAIN

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, suffered a relapse during the early hours this morning, when she had another fainting spell which lasted for a considerable time.

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Weeks and Pershing Send Army Greetings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Holiday greetings to the rank and file of the army have been sent by Secretary Weeks, General Pershing and by Major General Harbord, deputy chief of staff, who signalled his approaching retirement to his comrades.

Harding, Wilson and Taft Send Messages To Pasteur Exercises

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—President Harding today sent a message to the Philadelphia Pasteur Centenary celebration committee to be read at the exercises in the Academy of Music next Wednesday which will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Louis Pasteur, French scientist whose discovery and development of the germ theory is considered by physicians and benefactors as one of the world's greatest.

Donahue, Veteran Auburn Coach Quits

AUBURN, Ala., Dec. 24.—Mike Donahue, for 19 years head coach at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, finally and definitely announced tonight that he had resigned his position as head of athletics at that institution. Donahue's resignation announced tonight was his second since November 1, but this time will be final and without retraction, he states.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Using broomsticks and mop handles as weapons, seven prisoners from the city jail here said by police to be desperate characters, escaped from the Wayne county jail here today. A police dragnet was spread across the entire city and extended to Toledo and Cleveland, O., has failed today to result in the capture of any of the men.

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NO PAPER TOMORROW In order that its employees may join in the general mass of humanity in the enjoyment and observance of Christmas, the Star will not be issued tomorrow. Regular publication will, however, be resumed Wednesday morning. To each and every reader and advertiser, the Star wishes a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.