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OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

Flogging Hearings Will Continue Into Saturday Indicated

Witnesses on Stand at Preliminary Hearing of Fairmont Affair Testify to the Fact That They Recognized Several Persons in the Hooded and Masked Mob

Sons and Daughters of Alleged Mistreated Women Say They Recognized Assailants

STATE CONCLUDED ITS TESTIMONY EARLY

Over Sixty Witnesses Have Been Called by Defense to Testify in Subsequent Sessions

LUMBERTON, April 26.—In the preliminary hearing held this afternoon before Recorder W. B. Ivey in Lumberton of the case of the state against B. M. Lawson, Jule Brogren and John Hedgepeth, charged with burglary and conspiracy in connection with the alleged forcible taking of Mrs. Hattie Purvis, wife of Henry T. Purvis, and Mrs. Mary Watson, and the inhuman whipping of their bare flesh, the state rested its case although the defense has summoned more than 60 witnesses and advised tonight that it will call the preliminary hearing will in all probability not be over until Saturday.

Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Watson have today both testified to the actual whipping and the events leading up to the affair.

During the morning session quite a number of witnesses were heard, all offering approximately the same testimony.

At the afternoon session which was called at 2:30 o'clock and which recessed at a late hour tonight, two young daughters of the witness testified to the testimony insofar as the events that took place at the house were concerned, and stated that in the crowd that took their mother they easily recognized Jule Brogren.

Sons Testify
Conrad Purvis, 16, Aristo Purvis, 13, and Ricka Purvis, 10, were next called as witnesses by the state. All three of the young boys' testimony was to the same effect. They are the sons of Mrs. Hattie Purvis, the woman who is alleged to have been beaten, and testified at the hearing that they recognized two men among the mob's number—Jule Brogren and John Hedgepeth.

They further testified in accordance with the testimony given by their mother in regard to visitors received and as to what went on at the house when the masked men stood.

Next Witness on Stand
The next witness introduced by the state was R. R. Turbeville, acting night policeman at Fairmont, who stated that he saw the Fairmont chief of police about 8:30 on the night that the crime is alleged to have occurred and that he stated to him that he was going home, although he was seen about 11:30 o'clock again by the witness.

About six other witnesses were examined by attorneys for the state and the defense in a rigid cross examination. Practically all testified along the same lines, that of having seen the masked men on their trip to the countryside.

During the morning hours the principal witnesses testified in the preliminary hearing.

Morning Hearing
Mrs. Purvis stated that she and Mrs. Watson were sitting in the room at her home, and that between 10 and 11 o'clock they heard steps upon the front and back porches. She asserted that she recognized Jule Brogren first, when the band of men entered the house, and that she also recognized John Hedgepeth, a brother of Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Purvis reported that the men were masked, all wearing white robes, and that in addition to Brogren and Hedgepeth, she also recognized Mike Lawson, of Fairmont.

She testified that the men carried Mrs. Watson and herself to a Ford automobile, in which, she stated, they were driven through the town of Proctorville to a church on the edge of the town; that they were blindfolded and that she, Mrs. Purvis, was charged by a member of the band, with operating a disorderly house. She also stated that members of the band alleged that she was in the habit of going to the office of a man in Fairmont. She claimed that she denied these allegations, but that she was not given a chance to talk.

Tells of Whipping
She recited the story of the alleged whipping, after which she said that she and Mrs. Watson were made to walk home. She stated that she showed the marks upon her body to Dr. E. R. Hardin and J. A. Sharp, editor of the Robesonian, and also to all of her lawyers.

Mrs. Purvis was then tendered to the defense for cross-examination, and was asked if a woman had attacked her on the streets of Fairmont. This Mrs. Purvis admitted.

The defense attempted to prove by Mrs. Purvis that she was angry with Mike Lawson, attempting to show the reason for her anger as being caused by the failure of Lawson to take up for her in her trouble in Fairmont.

Mrs. Purvis charged that Mrs. Mary Watson's husband was at the bottom of the whole affair. Mrs. Watson was next placed upon the stand by the state, and testified essentially the same as Mrs. Purvis, corroborating the details of the alleged whipping.

Mrs. Watson Testifies
Mrs. Watson testified that she went over to visit Mrs. Purvis on the night the members of the masked band infirmed her that she was not wearing her girdle. (Continued on Page Two)

BORAH'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST U. S. ENTRY IN TRIBUNAL HAS BEGUN

Idaho Senator Will Lead Iron-Clad Fight Against Administration Move

GIVES STATEMENT IN REGARDS TO HIS VIEWS

Declares Country Cannot Go Into Tribunal and Stay Out of League

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Senator Borah of Idaho, a leader of the Republican ironclads in the senate fight over the treaty of Versailles and its league of nations covenant, tonight inaugurated his campaign of opposition to the administration proposal that the United States accept membership in the permanent court of international justice, the world arbitration tribunal set up under the league.

In a statement setting forth his views, the Idaho senator declared that "the Republican party in asserting that the United States can go into the league court and stay out of the league is taking a position which will bring down upon it the moral condemnation of everyone."

"I think the proposition that you can go into the league court and still continue to be against the league, or stay out of the league, is the most remarkable proposition ever presented to the people," Mr. Borah added, "it is an impossible proposition, it would never be suggested if political expediency did not seem to require it."

Issuance of the statement was the foremost development today in the world court discussion which continued to engage many of the members of the senate who are in Washington. Several senators today as yesterday conferred on the matter, among them Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican, and Watson of Indiana, but from these conferences nothing developed to indicate definitely the trend of sentiment.

The administration proposal received support from Elihu Root, who sat as a member of the commission that drafted the court statute, in an address delivered tonight at the meeting here of the American society of international law. Before the same organization Secretary Hughes tomorrow night will further explain the administration plan.

In addition to Senator Borah's statement, views on the proposal were set forth by Senators McKellar, Democrat, and McKinley, Republican, Illinois.

Senator McKellar endorsed the step proposed by President Harding who he said "like Saul of Tarsus has at last seen a light."

"I greatly marvel that there seems to be so much division and jargon over the court in the President's own party," said Senator McKellar, "but I hope and believe that maturer thought will allay this opposition and that as the League of Nations is a practical reorganization of the court and a selection of judges in a way that would be satisfactory to the United States."

PRISONER DIES TODAY

RALEIGH, April 26.—Unless Governor Morrison interposes at the last moment, Willie Harrison, an elderly negro will be executed at the state prison tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, paying the penalty for the murder of Cyrus Jones, mail carrier, and reducing by one the little colony of 76 men in the state prison waiting the date for their going.

Dudding Charges Not Investigated

RALEIGH, April 26.—In the absence of a quorum, no action on the question of a state prison investigation was taken by the state board of charities and public welfare today, the only two members of the board who reached Raleigh, conferring informally for an hour or more with Governor Morrison who called the meeting. The meeting scheduled for today will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock and it is expected that possibly all save one member will be present.

The state prison board at a recent session refused to investigate the charges of cruelty to prisoners made by Dudding and expressed the opinion in a formal statement that the charges should be ignored. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of welfare, had previously written James A. Leake, chairman of the state prison board, suggesting an inquiry to clear up the good name of the state which she maintained, was involved.

MARRIAGE OF DUKE OF YORK IS ATTENDED BY IMMENSE THROGS

Brilliant Assemblage of Foreign Notables, English Aristocrats and Others
SERVICE CONDUCTED IN OLD WESTMINSTER
Marriage Service Conducted With True British Precision for All Matters

LONDON, April 26.—The Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon joined hands and hearts before the golden altar of Westminster Abbey today while all Britain poured out its blessings. The magnificent church service that elevated the modest Scotch girl from the common ranks to a place in the crown of the empire would have exalted a king or queen.

All the members of the royal family and a brilliant array of foreign princes, nobles, ambassadors and ministers with their ladies were there in the midst of this glittering splendor. A king's court suit of black sat among his gorgeously attired European colleagues, a symbol of democracy.

The entire service was conducted with the traditional precision of British royal events.

The bridegroom gave the impression of a man at happy ease. Queen Mary wore a solemn, severely dignified expression and kept her eyes upon the bride couple throughout. The venerable dowager queen, Alexandria, gave the royal ceremony a human touch by moving out of her place and bestowing kisses upon the members of party as they came within the chancel.

Next to the bride and groom, Princess Mary and the Prince of Wales were the objects of the most attention. In the abbey, and he toyed with the plume of his three-cornered military hat during the entire ceremony. At one point Alexandria leaned toward him and whispered in his ear "what have been good advice to a bachelor."

The ceremony began promptly at 11:30 o'clock. After the king and queen, the other royals and clergy had taken their places in the sacristium, the soft, melodious tones of the invisible male choir, accompanied by the honours of the great gathering, filling the vast abbey with moving cadences.

The bride, in the simplest and daintiest gown probably ever made for a royal marriage, then moved slowly to the steps of the altar on the arm of her tall, courtly father, the Earl of Strathmore. She carried no bridal bouquet, having deposited it on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

She was joined soon afterward by the bridegroom, who presented a striking figure in his blue uniform, the royal sash, and the blue sash of the Garter across his shoulder and a golden sword at his side. The six bridesmaids, two of whom are soon to become brides themselves, stood behind the couple, the ensemble presenting a striking and beautiful picture.

As the duke and bride joined hands the sun, which had not revealed itself for several days, suddenly emerged from behind the mist and its light, coming through the high-vaunted windows of the abbey, cast an effulgence upon the radiant duke and his lovely bride and brought into bold relief the touches of gold, crimson and silver in the costumes of the brilliant assemblage of spectators.

The duke stood fully a head taller than Lady Elizabeth, his erect, muscular frame and the ruddy glow of his countenance contrasting strongly with the delicate figure of his bride, whose robe of unrelieved white seemed to accentuate the paleness of her features.

After the marriage vows had been taken by the couple, the archbishop of York delivered the nuptial blessing to the duke and his bride in which he said "The warm, generous heart of this people takes you today to itself; won't you in response take that heart with all its joys and sorrows into your own."

PROHIBITION GRAFT CHARGES WILL SOON HAVE FULL HEARING

High Officials of Three Federal Agencies Working on the Proposition

CHARGE OF FRAUD ARE FREELY MADE

Wet Cases Coming up From Different Sections of the United States

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Prohibition troubles from bootlegging to allegations of bribery in several states accumulated here today and engaged the attention of high officials of at least three federal agencies, the treasury and justice departments and prohibition enforcement headquarters.

There were indications that facts developed from the several investigations in progress might ultimately come before President Harding for action.

Charges of fraud among former and possibly present prohibition agents caused orders for an investigation by the bureau of internal revenue. Another investigation along similar lines, involving alleged tenders of bribes for "protection" to former prohibition officers already is under way by the department of justice, whose agents are making inquiries among "bootlegger" circles in a number of cities.

The internal revenue bureau's investigation also was said to extend into several states, involving the personnel of several state prohibition staffs.

Prohibition personnel troubles in Illinois and Alabama had further official airings during the day. Roscoe C. Andrews, suspended prohibition director for Illinois, conferred with internal revenue commissioner Blair, but did not call upon prohibition Commissioner Haynes who obtained his suspension for authorization delivery of thousands of gallons of liquor to stock holders of a liquidated Chicago concern. Commissioner Blair and Mr. Andrews declined to comment on their conference.

Another prohibition personnel difficulty, from Alabama, following the recent suspension there of the acting state director and his assistants, evoked a statement today from commissioner Haynes denying that Conrad W. Austin, general agent, had been "called off" from an investigation of the Alabama state.

Mr. Haynes said the inquiry following usual practice, was turned over to the intelligence unit of commissioner Blair's office after Mr. Austin's preliminary work had been concluded and the four Alabama agents suspended.

The incident of the several prohibition cases was said to be unusual although personnel differences in the prohibition unit are under investigation almost constantly. It was said, however, that Secretary Mellon and the treasury department was concerned over some of the methods being employed in prohibition enforcement.

There also was a revival of reports of differences between Secretary Mellon, Commissioner Blair and Haynes. The latter, however, insisted that no serious disputes existed although there naturally have disagreements.

Commissioner Haynes has often declared that foes of prohibition have endeavored frequently to make trouble with his superiors. In this connection prohibition headquarters officials pointed out that his office was without authority to conduct final investigations into the conduct of prohibition agents, these being prosecuted by the intelligence unit under Commissioner Blair, the immediate superior of Commissioner Haynes and also by the department of justice.

WINS AUTO RACE

FRESNO, Calif., April 26.—Jimmy Murphy won the 150 mile "main day" automobile race here today. His time was one hour, 26 minutes and 55 seconds. Eddie Hearne finished second, Benny Hill, third; Cooper fourth, Elliott fifth and Thomas six.

Morse Trial Is Halted During Day Account Of Many Conferences

Question as To Whether Mistrial Should be Ordered or Not Stirs Court Room During Session As It Was Alleged Jurors Were Not Competent to Serve

After Recess of More Than an Hour Judge Ordered Trial to Proceed
ATTORNEY ROCKWOOD IS REPRESENTING MORSE

Legislator So Declares in Statement Made To a Special Committee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 26.—Troops should be sent to Dixie county to protect the lives of state witnesses when the trial of Walter Higginbotham, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Martin Tabert of Munich, N. D., is called May 16, declared Representative C. H. Kennerly, in reporting today to the joint legislative committee of his trip to Clara yesterday.

"If the prosecution brings witnesses down there for the trial their lives won't be safe," Mr. Kennerly told the committee, "and if members of this committee are obliged to go there again, troops should be sent with them."

Dr. Kennerly testified that he had been conferred with by a committee of armed men when they arrived to inspect Tabert's grave. The committee, which concluded its inquiry into Tabert's death this afternoon, unanimously adopted a resolution calling the attention of the state board of medical examiners to the conduct of Dr. T. Capers Jones, physician employed by the Putnam Lumber company and asked that an investigation be made to the end "that the medical profession be purged of a seemingly unworthy member."

Dr. Jones testified before the committee he had attended Tabert three days before he died while serving a sentence at the convict lease camp of the lumber company. He told the committee that Tabert's body showed signs of any bruises or cuts that could have been caused by the whip of Higginbotham. He gave pneumonia as the cause of death with a complication of malaria. Records of the state board of health showed he never made out a burial certificate.

The resolution was introduced by Representative Kennerly at the conclusion of his address. Before the committee could vote it was amended. The original measure characterized "Dr. Jones as a disgrace" to the profession and said should be ejected from it. Senator W. A. MacWilliams drew up the revised resolution calling on the state board of medical examiners to investigate the record of the physician.

A general discussion took place while Senator MacWilliams was wording the amendment and Senator John P. Stokes, chairman of the committee, declared "so far as I am concerned, I believe every word that has been said about him, (the physician) and I believe he ought to be kicked out of the profession."

It seems to have been owned, body and soul, by the Putnam Lumber company, continued Senator Stokes. "Further, I want every crook that has had anything to do with this to be cleaned out. But in this doctor's case, I believe it could be outside the scope of the committee's power to do more than bring the testimony to the attention of the board of medical examiners."

Representative Kennerly, making his official reports as spokesman for the sub-committee that visited Clara yesterday, related the actions of the so-called reception committee towards Arthur Johnson, a negro, and former convict at the Putnam Lumber company Clara, which is in Taylor county and cross city, located in Dixie, the adjoining county, are owned by the Putnam Lumber company and inhabited by its employees, the committee learned.



The Fish That Must Swim Inland!

Look at this map and you will see that this phrase aptly describes the new war-made republic of Czechoslovakia. "The fish that must swim inland" is in a predicament as romantic as it is unusual.

William Philip Simms, the famous international reporter touring Europe for the Wilmington News, tells about its plight in a series of articles starting today. Don't fail to read them.

LEADERS IN STAR-NEWS RACE EXCEEDINGLY HARD TO FIGURE

End of Big Vote Period Find's Candidates Close Together; Counters Are Literally Swamped With Great Number of Votes for Different Candidates

Going up! Swinging into line, all a-tangle with high hopes and ambition, candidates in the Star-News now famous campaign have swelled their vote totals to a wonderful high mark and from now on to the finish it will be a pretty exciting race between the leaders.

The first period of the campaign which closed Monday night was a tremendous success. Tens of thousands of votes were cast and every "live" candidate profited mightily.

It is a strange coincidence, too, and something unusual in affairs of this kind, but each of the leading candidates who is striving for first honors and the grand prizes, benefited so equally during the period just closed, that not without good reason, figuring could today's leaders be determined.

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Twin City Citizen Dies in Baltimore

WINSTON-SALEM, April 26.—A telegram from Baltimore received here tonight stated that F. G. Dunkle, successful business man of Winston-Salem, dropped dead there early in the evening. Mr. Dunkle left here Wednesday night to enter a Baltimore hospital for treatment. He was an ex-president of the Rotary club here, a Knight Templar, Shriner, and Elk. Last year he represented Rotary in the San Francisco convention.