

Dr. B. M. McKoin, Erstwhile Mayor of Mer Rouge, Held in Baltimore; Troops Search For Dynamite Squad

GOV. PARKER REQUESTS THE PHYSICIAN BE HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER... Arrest Is In Connection With Louisiana Murders... M'KOIN DENIES CHARGE

Declares the Two Murdered Men Were On the Side of the Lower Element... PRAISE FOR THE KLAN He Takes a Fling At the Governor For Not Taking Action In Other Cases Where the "Bad" Opposed the "Good."

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., who is wanted there in connection with the Morehouse parish kidnappings and the finding of two murdered bodies in Lake La Fourche, was arrested here today at the Johns Hopkins university... He takes a fling at the Governor for not taking action in other cases where the "bad" opposed the "good."

Dr. McKoin denied knowledge of the killing of the two men. "All I know," he declared, "is that both men who were killed were on the bad side—the side of bootleggers, gunmen and men who associated with negro women."

Discovery Is Accident. The discovery of Dr. McKoin here and his subsequent arrest came about purely by accident. Word was received here several days ago that Dr. McKoin was a student at Johns Hopkins, and department of justice agents sought to check on his identity. University officials denied McKoin was registered as a post-graduate, and stated several letters had been received there for him, but, unable to locate him, the letters were turned over to the postoffice department as "unknown."

Life Was Threatened. He stated he has been in Baltimore since October 1, and had left Mer Rouge after an attempt had been to assassinate him. Dr. McKoin insisted he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He praised the organization, however, saying "the members did much to hold down bootlegging and immorality while I was mayor of Mer Rouge."

Good vs. Bad Element. "Now, however, when a bootlegger and some one else are killed, the governor joins in the investigation. This affair, in my opinion, will decide whether the decent and good element of the town will control."

Dr. McKoin stated he had received threatening letters a long time before he left Mer Rouge and asked the sheriff to investigate, without success. "Just as I left the mayorship, and the successful candidate went to the state capital."

William Melchor, Cripple, Fatally Injured When Struck by Propeller of Ship. Winston-Salem, Dec. 26.—William Melchor, aged about 40 years, was fatally injured at 2:30 last night when he was struck by the propeller of an airplane as the plane landed on the aviation field on the Lexington road, a short distance south of the city. His shoulder was broken and his left leg severed just above the knee. Death followed an hour later.

France Gains a Victory As Commission Votes To Declare Germany In Default

Paris, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—France gained an important victory in the allied reparations commission today when the commission by a vote of three to one declared Germany in voluntary default in her wood deliveries for 1922.

Belgium and Italy voted in favor of the declaration, while Great Britain cast its ballot against it. The decision of the commission was immediately communicated to the allied governments for their action. It may have a vital effect on the reparations problem if France can retain the support of Italy and Belgium when the reparations question is discussed at the January meeting of the premiers.

After 14 Days of Battling In A Furious Sea, Crew of Little Schooner Is Brought Into Port

New York, Dec. 26.—After fighting off death for 14 days in mid-Atlantic during which time their battered craft was whipped about at the mercy of wind and heavy seas the crew of the New Foundland schooner Gordon Fudge, were safe in port here today. The men were brought here by the British freighter Menominee by which they were picked up 1,000 miles off the United States coast.

With Hope Almost Gone, Pat Hickey, Grins and Smokes His Black Cheroot. "We got a cheroot," he yelled to Mackie, "spray me a match." The match being supplied, Hickey lit his cigar and then helped pull the Menominee boat to the side of the steamer. Captain Fudge told his story as the big freighter, three days before, was in the area of the gale she had fought, came into her pier.

Rescued Just in Time. "We left St. John's loaded with eight tons of cargo because we had to get away before the weather would get us. We loaded up with salt and November 26 we cleared for St. John's. We had good weather until we got to the Azores December 7."

He Said He Visited Greensboro One Time Since the Tragedy of May 4, 1921.—Officer Tells Of Loss. Lewis Edwards, who is serving 10 years in the state penitentiary, fired the shot that killed Policeman W. Thomas McCulliston, of the Greensboro police, on the afternoon of May 4, 1921. Such was the statement made by Carl Talley, in his cell at the county jail yesterday afternoon when he answered a volley of questions fired at him by a Daily News reporter.

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Organic Evolution Is Upheld In Resolution Passed By Scientists

Theory Is Great Influence For Good of Man. IS NOT A "MERE GUESS" American Association of Scientists Wants Subject Taught In Public Schools. SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE

Legislation Prohibiting Teaching of The Subject in The Higher Public Schools Would Be "A Profound Mistake." Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26.—A resolution affirming the "no scientific generalization is more strongly supported by the thoroughly tested evidence than is that of organic evolution," was adopted today by the council of the American association for the Advancement of Science. The resolution expressed the conviction that "any legislation attempting to limit the teaching of the doctrine of evolution would be a profound mistake."

Kahn Proposal Fails To Strike Responsive Chord In Washington

Leaders of Congress Voice Disapproval of Plan. PEOPLE WANT PAYMENT Officials Discuss Banker's Scheme to Handle Foreign Debt Problem. FREAR JUMPS IN FIGHT

Washington, Dec. 26.—The solution of America's foreign debt problem proposed by Otto H. Kahn, the New York banker, failed generally to strike a responsive chord today in official Washington. Members of the American debt funding commission took note of Mr. Kahn's proposal that the U. S. differentiate between the seven and a half billion dollars loaned to European countries before the armistice and the two and a half billion dollars loaned after hostilities ceased and arrange differing methods of repayment, but pointed out that the act of long-term financing by the commission would permit no such differentiation even if considered advisable.

Custer's Trumpeter To Be Buried Today

New York, Dec. 26.—John Martin, who claimed to be the last survivor of the Custer massacre on the Little Big Horn, will be buried tomorrow in Cypress Hills cemetery. He died in a Brooklyn hospital Sunday at the age of 69.

Lewis Edwards Fired The Shot That Killed Officer, Says Talley

He'll Expound Everything Suggested By His Counsel. WILL TELL THE TRUTH Edwards Told Several Stories, But Carl Is Going to Tell One—the Truth. WOULD'NT BE A "BRAVO" Lewis Edwards, who is serving 10 years in the state penitentiary, fired the shot that killed Policeman W. Thomas McCulliston, of the Greensboro police, on the afternoon of May 4, 1921. Such was the statement made by Carl Talley, in his cell at the county jail yesterday afternoon when he answered a volley of questions fired at him by a Daily News reporter.

Armenian Appeal Stirs Turk Leaders and Warm Fight Opens At Parley

PLEA IS HEARD People of Armenia Want National Home In Turkey and Seek Land Near Ararat. EGYPTIANS ASK HEARING

Lausanne, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—Armenia was the storm center of the near east conference today. The Turks refused to attend a meeting of the subcommission which had arranged to hear the plea of the Armenians for the establishment of a national home in Turkey, and Ismet Paasha and Riza Nur Bey sent strongly worded communications to the conference protesting against the decision to allow the Armenians to state their case.

COMELY CHINESE LASS SETS CHINATOWN AGOG IN BLASTING TRADITION

George Num Lee, If He Gets Flapper, Must Go to Her. SHE HAS BOBBED TRESSES Miss Mildred Wenn, of Washington, Balks At Being Sent to Fiance. WEDDING FEAST IS READY

New York, Dec. 26.—The twisted streets of Chinatown, which have pulsed with subdued gossiping since Mildred Wenn, 19-year-old Chinese "flapper," ran away from her Washington home Friday almost on the eve of her wedding to George Num Lee, son of one of the best Chinese families in New York, had some added interest today.

Ships Battle Furiously With Hurricanes Sweeping Over the Great Atlantic Ocean

Quake In New Zealand. Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 26.—The earthquake of Christmas afternoon was confined to the upper and middle portions of South Island. The shock was especially severe in North Canterbury and recalled memories of the quake in Cheviot county in 1901.

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Press McBride Suffers a Fatal Injury In Accident. Mount Airy, Dec. 26.—A deplorable accident occurred near this city last night when Press McBride, 28 years old, was struck by an automobile while on his bicycle. The young man was riding a bicycle and the driver of the car, Cabell Forkner, claims that he lost control of the wheel and ran in front of the car. The force of the collision threw young McBride through the windshield. He was carried to Martin memorial hospital, and died from injuries about noon today. Mr. Forkner is in the hands of the officers.

BAGGETT MAY NOT GET CHANGE TO INTRODUCE HIS ANTI-K. K. BILL

Another Measure of Similar Nature Being Drafted. OPPOSITION TO BONDS Long, of Halifax, Slated For Re-election As President Pro Tem of Senate. DAWSON FOR SPEAKER

State Capital Very Quiet Before Coming of the Session.—Legislators Now Preparing Drafts of Proposed Laws. Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Naturally at the state capital this year there is nothing much after Christmas before the legislature, and the latter is a full week off from tomorrow. The caucus is to be held on the night previous to one has heard whether Tam Bowles will again eject newspapermen and interested observers or not—but the caucus is rather cut and dried save for the matter of a few assembly clerkship.

MADAM BERNHARDT IS MUCH IMPROVED

Famous Actress Confides to Her Friends That She Will Be Back Soon. Paris, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—The household of Sarah Bernhardt was jubilant this evening over the change in her improvement shown in the condition of her famous actress. The deep gloom which had settled upon the family and faithful followers of the star because of her illness was almost entirely dispelled by the continued optimism of the doctors, who have permitted Madame Bernhardt to sit up in her room twice during the last 24 hours.