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much change in  
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## ORGANIZED LABOR MEETS MONDAY TO DRAFT OBJECTIONS

Union Leaders Declared That  
Nothing Drastic Need Be  
Expected From Them

### AFFILIATED TRADES TO STAND BY MACHINISTS

Possibility of Presidential Veto  
To Railroad Bill, If Passed  
With Anti-Strike Provision,  
Interests Members of Congress;  
Conferees Take Up  
Bills This Week

Washington, Dec. 27.—The attitude of organized railway employees toward the anti-strike provision of the Cummins Railroad Bill will be formally stated in a declaration of principles to be drafted by the heads of all the brotherhoods at a conference here Monday with President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

Labor leaders declared today that "nothing drastic was to be expected," but the general view among organized workers was that the affiliated trades would stand by the railway machinists' union which voted to quit work if Congress enacted the anti-strike provision. Senators and Representatives now in Washington expressed the opinion, however, that the House never would accept the bill as it came from the Senate and even if it should pass, President Wilson would veto it.

The possibility of a presidential veto has been given serious consideration by members of Congress, who realize the necessity of enacting proper legislation before the roads are handed back to their owners on March 1. Labor leaders discussing this eventually, also called attention today to this statement by the President in his message to Congress four weeks ago:

**Attitude of President**  
"The right of individuals to strike is inviolate and ought not to be interfered with by any process of government, but there is a predominant right of the Government to protect all of its people and to assert its power and majesty against the challenge of any class."

This one sentence was variously interpreted by brotherhood officers as a virtual announcement by the President that he would not sign a bill denying the right to strike and by Senator Cummins and others as notice by the President that even if the right to strike was inviolate, the rights of the public stood over and above it.

Regardless of what action might be taken by the brotherhoods, the belief prevailed in Congressional circles that when Senate and House conferees got through with the Cummins and each bill, no vestige of the anti-strike section would remain. The conference will begin work next week after Senator Cummins and Senator Kellogg, Republican, Minnesota, return here from North Carolina.

All of the Senate conferees voted for the labor clause and are expected to make a hard fight in conference for its retention. On the straight Senate test an amendment to eliminate the section was defeated, 39 to 24. Some idea of the attitude of the House, however, was given today by members who said that the anti-strike clause could not command fifty votes in that body.

The heads of the four big brotherhoods and the ten affiliated trades will be heard Monday for the conference with President Wilson's definite decision to turn back the roads in two months. In view of the short period of Government control there was a feeling in some quarters that the director-general might refuse to saddle a wage increase on the roads on the eve of their return to private operation. Most of the leaders insisted, however, that the demands would not be rejected since President Wilson had promised to use his influence to get more wages for railway men if the Government failed to reduce the cost of living.

Although every effort will be made to expedite railroad legislation, some doubt was expressed today whether the Cummins and each bill could be cut to pieces and put together again by the time set for the end of Federal control of the roads. Meanwhile great pressure is being brought to bear on members of the Senate and House to speed up work, but there is little hope of getting the bill out of conference before the end of January.

## ADMIRAL KOLCHAK RETIRES FROM COMMAND OF FORCES

Vladivostok, Wednesday, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Admiral Kolchak, commanding the all-Russian governmental forces, opposing the Bolsheviks in Siberia, has retired from active command because of ill health and has appointed General Semenov to succeed as commander-in-chief, according to a message received here today by General Semenov's representative.

The message, quoting Admiral Kolchak's order, said:

"In order to unify all armed forces fighting to make secure our political organization, I name General Semenov commander-in-chief with headquarters in the Irkutsk and Trans-Baikal Russian military districts. All military commanders will be subordinate to him."

## Gave Away \$2,000,000 In Christmas Presents



James Couzens, Mayor of Detroit, gave away two of the millions he has made in the automobile business as Christmas presents. The money, which went chiefly to institutions in his home city for the care of crippled children and orphans, was distributed as follows: Annex for Michigan Hospital's School for Crippled Children, \$450,000; Endowment fund for school, \$650,000; Nurses' Home, Harper Hospital, \$650,000; Children's Free Hospital, \$125,000; St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, \$75,000.

## RECORD TIME MADE IN SHIP LAUNCHING

Winston-Salem's Name - Sake  
Slips From Ways of Shipyard in Wilmington

### USE ROCK SPRING WATER AS AN OMEN OF GOOD LUCK

Miss DeWitt Chatham, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chatham, of Twin City, Breaks Ceremonial Bottle on Bow of Ship; An Elaborate Luncheon

By BEN DIXON MacNEILL  
(Staff Correspondent.)

Wilmington, Dec. 27.—Permanent recognition of the achievement of North Carolina's Twin City in buying more Liberty bonds than any other city in the State was awarded Fayette's capital today when a great steel freighter slid down from the ways of the Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation into the waters of the Cape Fear river here with the words, "Winston-Salem," deeply graven on her bow and stern.

A delegation of half a hundred men and women from the Twin City watched the great steel hull as she rode down into the river and one of the city's most charming young women, Miss DeWitt Chatham, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chatham, broke the ceremonial bottle on the bow of the ship when she made the first move toward the waiting tide. Later, the visiting delegation and a number of men and women prominent in Wilmington social and business circles were guests of the officials of the shipbuilding corporation at an elaborate luncheon served in the mess hall of the plant.

**Third to Be Launched.**

The ship was the third of the twelve great freighters that are being built under contract for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, the first having been put overboard on Labor Day and the second November 15. The first two are practically complete and the blasts of their sirens led the road of welcoming chorus as the third ship gracefully took the water. The launching was in every way the most successful of the three. Only 45 seconds elapsed from the time she began to move until she had cleared the five hundred foot length of the launching way.

There was no ceremony in the event save the breaking of the bottle when the ship began to move. Three thousand workmen busy on neighboring hulls and in the vast shops scarcely raised their heads as the ship moved down toward the river. Champagne as a christening element has been dispensed with and in its stead water from the famous Rock Spring near Wilmington was substituted. Tradition has it that anyone drinking of the water from the spring or any ship christened with the crystal element will return many times to call Wilmington home.

The official party, composed of the Winston-Salem contingent, the officials of the corporation here, and a few people from Wilmington, gathered in the sponsors' stand at 1 o'clock. Miss Chatham was presented on behalf of the corporation with a magnificent bouquet of American Beauty roses and after the ship had left the ways was given the sponsor's gift, a magnificent bar pin platinum, set with diamonds and sapphires. She was gowned in a smartly tailored suit of blue and wore grey fox furs.

**Guests at Luncheon.**  
After a sumptuous luncheon served in a most unique setting in the mess hall, A. B. Ekeling, assistant to the president of the corporation, asked Hon. J. O. Carr to say a word of welcome to the visitors. Mr. Carr insisted that they didn't need any welcome expressed since Wilmington belonged to them as much as it did to anybody there. He emphasized that they were to be subordinate to him.

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## CONGRESS EXPECTS TO CONDUCT PROBE INTO NAVY AWARDS

Joint Committee Will Take Up  
Question When Session Re-  
convenes Soon

### WILL CALL SECRETARY TO TESTIFY AT HEARING

Objections Made By Officers  
Will Be Considered By  
Knight Board When It Re-  
views Decorations, Secre-  
tary Daniels States; Letters  
From Officers Made Public

Washington, Dec. 27.—Full investigation of the controversy over awards of decorations for war service to naval officers, brought to a head by Rear Admiral William S. Sims' recent protest against the tentative list issued by the Navy Department, will be made by both Congress and the department.

On the heels of Secretary Daniels' announcement that the Naval Board, headed by Rear Admiral Knight, had been ordered reconvened to review its findings on recommendations for medals or other decorations, Representative Lufkin, Republican, Massachusetts, of the House naval committee, conferred with members of the Senate committee and stated that a joint committee would take up the whole question when Congress reconvenes.

Representative Lufkin said Secretary Daniels, Admiral Knight, Admiral Sims and other officers would be called before the joint committee, which does not need special authorization for its inquiry. Changes made by Mr. Daniels in the board list of awards as well as the action of the board in each case will be examined.

**Will Consider Objections.**  
Secretary Daniels said today that in reviewing the list of decorations and in passing on new recommendations for awards the Knight board would be instructed to follow in general the policy he adopted in revising the original lists, giving due consideration to the objections voiced by officers who have criticized some of the awards.

The name of Admiral Henry B. Wilson, who commanded American naval forces in French waters during the war, and of Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who was in command of the Atlantic fleet during the period of hostilities, were added to the list of officers who have written the Secretary regarding the awards.

Other officers who have made protests include Vice Admiral Hilary P. Jones, commander of Squadron Two of the Atlantic fleet; Rear Admiral Decker, commanding the Seventh Naval District; Key West, and Captain Raymond D. Hasbrouck, commander of the battleship Minnesota. Admiral Jones and Captain Hasbrouck refused to accept the Navy Cross, for which they had been recommended, supporting the position taken by Admiral Sims.

The objections voiced by these officers will be placed before the Knight Board, and Secretary Daniels said today he hoped the revised awards made by the board would be accepted without change. He indicated that he would send them to the President for his personal approval.

**Letters Made Public.**

The department made public tonight copies of letters as to the awards received by Mr. Daniels from Admirals Jones, Mayo and Decker, and Captain Hasbrouck. That from Admiral Jones goes at some length into the services rendered during the war, beginning as commander of a squadron of the patrol

## RULES GUARDING AGAINST IMPORTATION OF LIQUORS

Stringent Regulations Issued  
By Treasury Department to  
Prevent Shipments

Washington, Dec. 27.—Stringent regulations were issued today by the Treasury to prevent intoxicants from entering the country from ships arriving from foreign ports.

Liquor property listed as sea stores must be placed under seal by the boarding officer of the customs service and kept sealed during the entire time of the vessel's stay in port. No part of such stores may be removed from under seal for any purpose while the ship is in United States waters, the regulations state, which denies to foreign crews the ration of wine served with meals on some ships under other flags.

Excessive liquor stores, no longer being dutiable, are subject to seizure. Liquors properly carried may be returned to a foreign port on the vessel's changing from the foreign to the coasting trade, or may be transferred under supervision of the customs officers from a vessel in foreign trade, delayed in port for any cause, to another vessel of the same line or owner.

Customs officials are not greatly concerned over the possibility of smuggling large stores of liquors into the country and the new orders are believed to close the last hole through which intoxicants might reach domestic consumers. With all liquid reformulated under seal, it was said, there would be small opportunity for "bootlegging" to be carried on around the wharves.

Special New Year's races at Pinehurst Thursday. Steeplechase, flat and harness.—Adv.

## SCORES REPORTED DEAD BECAUSE OF DRINKING ALCOHOL

Death List in Massachusetts  
and Connecticut Over 70—  
Mark Early In Night

### DOZEN OR MORE BARRELS OF STUFF DISTRIBUTED

New York Detectives Seeking  
To Locate Maker of "Whis-  
key" Manufactured From  
Wood Alcohol and Predict  
Arrests Will Be Made Soon;  
Four Die In Chicago

New York, Dec. 27.—Seventy-eight persons have died during the past forty-eight hours and scores of others are suffering from paralysis and blindness, due to drinking wood alcohol "whiskey," according to reports received tonight from seven eastern cities and Chicago.

The toll of poisonous liquor is the highest in New England, where sixty deaths and six reported in New York City, police, Internal revenue officers and agents of the Department of Justice, are seeking Adolph Paraneli, importer and commission merchant of this city, who they assert, sold 12 barrels of poisonous liquor. The police charge that the "whiskey" was concocted in Paraneli's store in Bleecker street.

In Chicopee, Mass., thirty-four men and two women died, in Springfield, three men and one woman; Holyoke, six men and in Greenfield, Mass., one man. In Hartford, Conn., 13 persons died of the poison.

Chicago reported four deaths from the drinking of poisonous beverages, and Pittsburgh two deaths.

Two deaths were announced at Newark, N. J., by the police.

Three deaths in Cleveland, Ohio, this week brought the total there to 14 for the month.

## SALOON KEEPER CONFESSES TO BUYING CONCOCTION.

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 27.—District Attorney Ely, of Westfield, who has been investigating the deaths of more than 45 persons in the Connecticut Valley as the result of drinking wood alcohol contained in whiskey, announced tonight that Alex Perry, proprietor of the American House in Chicopee Falls, had confessed to buying fifty gallons of the concoction in Hartford all except five of which were sold. The district attorney also stated that five other gallons of the liquor had been traced to the Polski Hotel in Holyoke.

According to the district attorney, who had refused to grant bail of \$10,000 to Perry earlier in the day on the charge of manslaughter, Perry stated he bought the liquor through Sam Darling, of Hartford, an express man, who is under arrest in that city in connection with the deaths. Perry told the district attorney he had no idea the liquor was poisonous. Following the confession the district attorney allowed Perry to be released on bail.

The list of dead was increased to 46 in the Connecticut valley tonight with

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## EFFECTS OF DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL EXPLAINED

New York, Dec. 27.—Dr. S. Dunne Hubbard, acting director of the Health Department's Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, today described the nature and effects of wood alcohol as follows:

Wood alcohol is a colorless liquid and in a highly refined state has but a slight odor and no taste. The less purified form possesses a nauseating odor. While it is tasteless, it does, however, produce a burning sensation.

Its legitimate uses are as a fuel, as a solvent in varnishes and as a denaturant, that is as an agent in making grain alcohol unfit for drinking purposes. It is also properly used in the preparation of hair dyes and tonics, toilet waters, and flavoring extracts as well as medicinal products for some unscrupulous druggists.

The symptoms produced on taking wood alcohol are the following: nausea, vomiting, violent headache, vertigo, coma and amblyopia (blindness) of varying degree.

The chemical formula for wood alcohol is  $CH_3OH$ , it is chemically known as methyl alcohol, sometimes as wood alcohol. Technically it is known as columbian spirits, stardard wood spirits, colonial spirits, anisod spirits, eagle spirits, hunting spirits and acetone alcohol.

The mode of elimination is by the lungs, kidneys and skin. The smallest dose known to have had disastrous results is one consisting of two teaspoonfuls, this result being that of five men, each of these two died within 24 hours. One lost the vision of one eye and was partially blinded in the other and two recovered, due possibly to the elimination of the poison by vomiting.

Of 720 cases recorded at Bunkerville, 450 died and 90 became totally blind. In 85 cases vision was impaired, six to ten becoming blind temporarily and 21 recovered. No results were statistically given in 100 cases. The mortality in terms of percentage is thus about 33 per cent; total blindness 13 per cent; impairment of vision 13 per cent; and recovery 4 per cent.

## PILOT MILL FORCE RETURNS TO WORK MONDAY MORNING

Strike of Two Months' Duration  
Ends In Satisfactory  
Settlement

### OPERATIONS WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW

Full Details of Terms Under  
Which Union Employees Who  
Had Been Holding Out For  
Recognition Return To  
Their Jobs Could Not Be  
Learned Last Night

All the available operatives of Pilot Cotton Mills, who went out on a strike more than two months ago seeking recognition of their union, will return to work Monday morning, it became known last night, following conferences with Mr. A. Y. Kelly, manager, and the union committee. While no definite statement of the terms could be obtained last night, it was understood that the union men, who have been holding out strongly for recognition, go back to work highly satisfied with the understanding reached.

More than two hundred employees were involved in the strike. Half of this number, it is understood, have since secured positions in other mills here or in other lines of employment. These, it is believed, will return to the mill under the terms of the agreement reached between the management and the employees' committee.

Yesterday, according to information available, the Consolidated Textile Corporation, owning the Pilot cotton mill, with principal office in New York, left the settlement of the matter entirely in the hands of Mr. Kelly, manager of the local plant. Negotiations with the employees following resulted in an agreement satisfactory to both employees and the mill management.

## TRAIN CRASHES INTO AUTO KILLING A CHILD

Wadsworth, Dec. 27.—A terrible accident occurred at Folktown, eight miles from here, on the Seaboard today when a car driven by Cleveland Smith was run into and demolished by a train, killing one of his children instantly and injuring another one. This child is in the hospital here in a critical condition. Mr. Smith, his wife and his brother were also injured and are in the hospital here.

## TOO BAD NOW THEY LOSE TWO WEEKS ON DICTIONARY

Paris, Dec. 27.—Christmas and New Year's day will set the French Academy back two weeks in their work of revising the French dictionary which, according to the best estimates, will be completed in 2020, or 2025.

The two holidays this year happen to fall on Thursday, the only day of the week on which the forty immortals assemble.

Academy members began the present revision in 1878, forty-one years ago, and have reached the letter F. Coining of many new words during the war, it is suggested, will impose new tasks on the revisionists.

## DEPORTED REDS MUST PAY INCOME TAX, IT IS RULED

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—Internal Revenue Collector Grogan was instructed by Commissioner Gopen today to collect income taxes due by any of 57 alleged radicals held here for deportation. He was instructed to secure payment through the seizure of personal property if necessary, but not to delay deportation.

## THINK JEALOUSY CAUSE OF SLAYING OF J. S. BROWN

Authorities in Michigan Begin  
Search For Two Men and  
One Woman

Mount Clemens, Mich., Dec. 27.—Convinced that jealousy was the motive behind the slaying last Tuesday night of J. Stanley Brown, son of a former Detroit manufacturer, authorities today instituted a search in Ohio and Southern Michigan for two men and a woman, the latter Mrs. Lena Bennett, being detained at Sandusky, Ohio.

Further investigation here brought a statement from Lloyd Prevost, who was held as a material witness, but later released, implicating the three. One of the men, it was said, was a soldier stationed at Camp Custer. The other, a civilian, was presumed to be in some Ohio or Southern Michigan city. Both of them, Prevost told Sheriff William Caldwell, were infatuated with Mrs. Bennett to whom, he stated, Brown had paid court before his death. This, according to the statement, led to threats of violence against Brown.

Sheriff Caldwell stated tonight that Mrs. Bennett would be brought here for examination, and that he had her promise to aid in clearing up the death of Brown, who was found Wednesday morning shot to death at the wheel of his automobile on the road between Detroit and Mount Clemens.

A sheriff's deputy left late today for Battle Creek for the purpose of taking the soldier into custody.

The Sheriff announced tonight that Prevost and Mrs. Ruth Prevost Brown, young widow of the slain man, had been definitely eliminated from the investigation. Both of them had been held as material witnesses and were released today shortly after writs of habeas corpus were granted at Detroit.

Six o'clock dinner Sunday at the George Washington, 130 Fayetteville street.—Adv.

## WITHIN HOUR AFTER NEGRO KILLS FRANKLINTON WHITE MAN, MOB LYNCHES SLAYER

### POOR RECORD MADE BY REPUBLICANS

Leaders in Congress Worrying  
Over Need of Some Cam-  
paign Material Now

### UNDERWOOD TELLS THEM SOMETHING ABOUT RECORD

No Important Remedial Legis-  
lation Passed By Congress  
and They Must Take Credit  
For Defeating Peace Treaty  
and For Inattention To Sol-  
diers and Sailors

The News and Observer Bureau,  
603 District National Bank Bldg.,  
By R. E. POWELL,  
(By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Republican leaders in Congress are said to be worrying over the poor record made by their party so far in the 66th Congress. That there will be renewed activity early in January, when the pressure for the manufacture of campaign material becomes heavier with the reassembling of Congress, seems certain.

Not only is the Democratic national committee keeping tab on the disappointing legislative record of the Republican Senate and House, but G. O. P. party chiefs throughout the country may be depended upon to demand that Congress do something.

Defeat of the peace treaty, long delay in the passage of the railroad bill, inattention to legislation for the relief of soldiers and sailors, failure to consider changes in the revenue laws and to adopt some policy as to a merchant marine—all these sins of omission are destined to plague the Republicans as the 1920 campaign nears.

**Can't Feel the Public.**  
Senator Underwood, of Alabama, one of the ablest Democrats of the upper chamber, recently served notice on the Republicans that it was useless to attempt to fool the public regarding responsibility for the present state of affairs. A deliberate Republican filibuster in the closing session of the 66th Congress, he said, killed several appropriation bills and this caused waste of time until the extra session was convened in May.

"I assert not as an argument nor a lecture, but as a fact," said Senator Underwood, "that the Republican party in this Congress has not passed any important remedial legislation. The bill which took over the telegraph and telephone lines and placed them under Federal control also provided they should be returned as soon as the war was over. There was no contest about their return."

This statement was made in reply to Senator Lenroot, who claimed Republican credit for return of the wires to their private owners.

"If there had been any contest over their return," added Senator Underwood, "the bill for their return in this Congress probably would be still pending. The amendment to the food control act was in like category."

Referring to waste wasted by the Senate from May to July, before the treaty debate began its weary drag in the Senate, Senator Underwood declared that "there was certainly time in the Senate from May to July when nothing stood in the way of considering constructive legislation."

Answering Senator Lenroot as to the peace treaty, Senator Underwood, who is now trying to bring about action and a compromise on the treaty, said:

"The Senator from Wisconsin is trying to put the blame on the failure of the treaty. He cannot do that and will never be able to do that; the country will never recognize that argument. If you want to get rid of the responsibility for failure to ratify the treaty of peace, which is lying on the Vice-President's table still, you have the majority and the majority can take it up. If you want to pass it, take it up and keep on trying until you get the two-thirds necessary to ratify."

"If the treaty is dead, as claimed by some, the Senate can notify the President to that effect. But the Senator from Massachusetts cannot get a majority to reach the conclusion that it is dead. If the treaty is rejected by the Senate, it is up to the majority to tell the President of that fact. The President has not been notified. This has not been done because I think the Senator from Massachusetts doubts his ability to command a majority of this body to give that notification to the President. It would be idle for the President to withdraw the treaty and send it back here when the Senate has indicated it does not propose to act on it."

**Secretary Daniels on Visit.**  
Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels left Washington tonight for North Carolina. He will spend Sunday with his mother in Goldsboro and will spend Monday in Raleigh, returning to Washington Monday night.

The pension office announces the granting of pensions of \$25 monthly to Martha Lloyd of Wake Forest, Julia A. Merriam of Harbinger and Emma L. Gilreath of Hendersonville. Pensions of \$12 monthly are granted to Melvina Salter of Sea Level and Alice C. Bowers of Morganton.

**Fire At Camp Pike.**  
Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—Fire started late this afternoon at Camp Pike, destroyed two mess halls and two barrack buildings and partially destroyed two additional barrack buildings. All were unoccupied. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## Angry Crowd Pursues Officers After They Place Colored Man Under Arrest Follow- ing The Homicide

### ATTEMPTED TO RUSH MAN TO RALEIGH FOR SAFE KEEPING BUT FAILED

Dragged For Two Miles Behind  
Automobile, Negro Finally  
Hanged By Neck To Tree;  
Many Shots Fired By Armed  
Men; Deceased White Man  
Highly Esteemed in Frank-  
linton, Where He Conducted  
Moving Picture Show; Fatal  
Shooting Started When He  
Asked Negro Not To Strike  
Matches In His Theatre;  
Second Lynching Within  
Year

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Franklinton, Dec. 27.—Less than an hour after he had shot and instantly killed R. M. Brown, proprietor of a motion picture theatre here, a negro named Green was lynched by a mob that overtook officers who were rushing the negro to Raleigh for safe-keeping. After being taken from the officers, the negro escaped from the mob but, after being re-taken, he is stated was dragged for about two miles and then strung up by the neck to a tree. The killing of the theater proprietor occurred tonight at 9 o'clock when the street in front of the show house as a result of words when Mr. Brown warned the negro against striking matches in the theatre.

**Starts in Show.**  
During the show the negro, it is said, started to strike a match. Mr. Brown quietly asked him not to strike the match as it was dangerous. The negro became excited, began cursing and the two came down out of the building together. They crossed the street, Brown in front and the negro following. Just as Mr. Brown stepped upon the sidewalk, the negro whipped out his gun and shot his victim falling to the ground dead.

**Crowd Quickly Forms.**  
Police were on the scene and immediately rushed the negro to the lock-up. A crowd immediately formed about the jail and began to threaten the negro. Dr. Ford, mayor, and Chief of Police Winston bayer, and Chief of Police Winston bayer, that the law be allowed to take its course but the crowd was in a bad humor and clamored for the murderer. They decided to try to rush him off to Raleigh for safe keeping. An automobile, with one of the fastest drivers in town at the wheel was secured and the start was made but machines loaded with a crowd bent on wreaking vengeance followed.

When just opposite Mr. C. E. Williams' residence about one mile from here the car with the officers and prisoner was overtaken and the prisoner captured. The officers, who were badly bruised in the fight with the mob, returned to town not knowing what happened, but believed the negro was shot to death, as fifty or more shots were fired.

Mr. Brown was highly esteemed and was quiet and inoffensive. For a number of years he had been manager of Green Hill farm, owned by Mr. S. C. Vann. He was a Mason of high standing and prominently connected in the county.

After the return of the officers it was learned that after the mob took the negro away from the officers, he broke loose from them and ran but was overtaken. A rope was fastened around his neck and tied to a car. He was dragged about two miles by the neck before he was hanged, it was stated.

**Will Investigate.**  
Solicitor H. E. Norris was notified by The News and Observer last night of the lynching and prepared at once to investigate the shooting of the theater proprietor and subsequent lynching after receiving official notice from the coroner. This notice, he stated, is expected early today.

The lynching of the negro named Glenn last night near Franklinton makes the second one in Franklin county within the past five months. The previous lynching occurred on the night of August 20th when Walter Tyler, a negro, was shot by a mob near Louisburg and then carried to a church yard where his body was strung up to a tree. The lynching of Walter Tyler occurred after he attacked a white woman one night while her husband was carrying tobacco nearby the home.

## MAETERLINCK SEES OPERA PRESENTED IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 27.—In the presence of Maurice Maeterlinck author of the book on which it is based, and a distinguished array of diplomatic officials and society folk the opera "Blue Bird" was given for the first time tonight at a special gala performance in the Metropolitan Opera House. The proceeds are to be divided by the Queen of the Belgians and the Millerand fund for French children and the Three Big Sisters' Organization.

The opera, sung in French, is in four acts and eight scenes and closely follows the plot of the book in which Tyltyl and Mytyl go on a long search for the "Blue Bird of Happiness," only to return and find it in their own home. The cast includes Raymond de Lancens and Mary Ellis as Tyltyl and Mytyl, respectively, Florence Easton, Leon Rothen and Cecal Arden, Albert Wolf, the composer, directed the orchestra.