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FOUR KILLED WHEN OFFICERS BREAK UP GAMBLING GAME

Ex-Sheriff Lee Joyce Killed and Special Deputy Jim Matthews Fatally Hurt

THREE NEGROES KILLED IN SURRY COUNTY TOWN

When Officers Enter Negro Restaurant In Walnut Cove, Negroes Reported to Have Begun Shooting; Feeling Running High, According to Reports Late Last Night

Winston-Salem, April 18.—Ex-Sheriff Lee Joyce was killed, Jim Matthews, special deputy, was shot through the neck and probably fatally wounded, and three negroes were killed in a fight between officers and negroes at Walnut Cove, fifteen miles from this city, late this evening.

According to reports received here, the officers attempted to break up a card game, said to have been in progress in a restaurant operated by Nick Hairston, a negro.

When the officers entered the restaurant the negroes, according to the report received here by the police, began shooting. Ex-Sheriff Joyce is said to have been killed immediately and in addition to the neck wound, Matthews was badly beaten. Feeling is running high in Walnut Cove, according to reports.

GREENVILLE TO HAVE SERIES OF MEETINGS

Greenville, April 18.—Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, who will preach at the Jarvis Memorial Methodist church during the simultaneous meetings this week, does not come as a stranger. He holds a high position in the work of the Methodist church in Eastern Carolina. Owing to his ability as a constructive leader he has been given many responsible positions.

MAY ADJUDGE ARMY MEN IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

Asheville, April 18.—As the result of a soldier's statement in police court yesterday, Judge Wells may bring charges of contempt of court against officers, or "non-coms," at the United States Army Hospital at Oteen, found guilty of preventing soldiers from appearing at police court when summoned.

He has ordered an investigation of the case of Private Otis Nobles, who stated in police court yesterday that he was refused permission by his corporal to come to court on the previous day, following his arrest. When he told the corporal he had been arrested and summoned to appear in police court that morning to answer the charge, he was told, according to his statement, to go on with his work.

"GREATER PERCENTAGE" WILL RETURN TO THEIR JOBS.

New York, April 18.—J. J. Mantel, chairman of the Railroad General Managers Association, issued a statement this evening that "by far the greater percentage" of the striking railroad employees in the Metropolitan district had reported today for duty. The railroad proceeded at once to fill permanently, he said, the places of men who had failed to report.

To Manufacture Artificial Silk. Wilmington, Del., April 18.—The DuPont Company and the Comptoir Des Textiles Artificiels, of Paris, have entered into an agreement for the formation of a new company for the manufacture of artificial silk. It was announced here today. The new concern, to be known as the DuPont Fibre Silk Company, will be capitalized for \$4,000,000. Leonard A. Yorkes has been elected president of the company, which expects to have its plant here in full operation within a year.

Vote to Return to Work. Pittsburgh, Pa., April 18.—Striking Baltimore and Ohio railroad trainmen of the Connellsville-Pittsburgh division met at Connellsville today and voted to return to work at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, according to an official announcement issued by the company here tonight. Several hundred men are affected by the vote, railroad officials said.

Merchants Join Club. Bristol, Va., April 18.—Merchants handling overalls are included in the pledge signers in the Norton, Va., overall club which now has a membership of several hundred, according to advice received here tonight. The merchants agree to wear overalls and to "buy off the producer stock."

FORMER EMPRESS OF GERMANY IS ILL



The former German Empress, Augusta Victoria, is reported to be critically ill, and announcement of her death may be expected at any time.

GEORGIA TO VOTE ON 3 CANDIDATES

The Cracker State to Express Choice for Democratic Nomination For Presidency

Atlanta, Ga., April 18.—Georgia's choice for the Democratic nomination for President will be expressed in a preferential primary Tuesday in which three candidates are entered. They are Attorney General Palmer, United States Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Thomas E. Watson, former Populist candidate for President and well known Georgia author and publisher.

In addition to their own qualifications for the nomination the candidates on their backs have brought the peace treaty and League of Nations in the contest. Georgians have been asked to endorse the Wilson administration and the League by voting for Palmer. Senator Smith has taken the stand that while he admires the "great achievements" of the administration, he does not endorse it in its entirety. He advocated and voted in the Senate for reservations to the League. Mr. Watson has long been one of the most outspoken critics in Georgia of the administration and the league. While he has not traveled the State to make campaign speeches as have the other two he has made his position known through his publications.

CONGRESSMAN SMALL TO SPEAK AT CONVENTION

St. Louis, April 18.—Republican and Democratic National conventions will be called upon to insert planks in their platforms demanding that Congress enact comprehensive legislation for waterways improvements according to delegates arriving tonight for the third annual convention of the Mississippi Valley Waterways Association, to be held here tomorrow.

Among the speakers at the convention will be Representative John A. Small, of North Carolina, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

SUPREME COURT WILL RECONVENE AFTER RECESS

Washington, April 18.—The Supreme Court will reconvene tomorrow after a three-week recess. The feeling prevailed in some quarters today that an opinion on the validity of the prohibition amendment might be rendered tomorrow. A decision in the government's suit to dissolve the so-called anthracite coal trust, argued last October, also is expected at anytime by officials of the Department of Justice.

POLICE TO REDUCE COST OF UNIFORMS IN KINSTON.

Kinston, April 18.—The police may be the first to take a shot at the high cost of clothing here. Chief Charles Thompson is investigating the merits of various grades of khaki, and may uniform the force for the summer at a cost of a little more than \$30 a man. Public spirited men threaten to organize an overall club any hour. Scores of representative business and professional men are willing to don "mechanic's" trousers and gaiters the moment some one sets the example, and stick to them all summer. In some quarters an "equal clothing league" is proposed, as "entirely compatible" with equal suffrage. Radical advocates of the overall movement would have women don dresses of cheapest materials for street wear, and both sexes to stick to "everyday" clothes for all sorts of occasions.

Brooks To Speak in Greenville. Greenville, April 18.—Aubrey L. Brooks, candidate for the United States Senate, will speak in the courthouse during the noon court recess Tuesday, April 20. He is a splendid speaker, and the people of the county are invited to hear him.

TURKISH TATY TO BE DISCUSSED AT PEACE PARLEY

Supreme Council of Allies Holds First Formal Sessions Today

AMERICA NOT TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Three Premiers Represented Great Britain, Italy and France at San Remo Meeting; International Exchange One of Questions to Be Discussed.

San Remo, April 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Questions in connection with the peace treaty with Turkey will comprise the first business to be taken up by the Supreme Council of the allies at its first formal session here tomorrow. This was decided upon at a conference today in the Duvranch Palace, where the sessions are to be held, attended by Premiers Nitti, of Italy, Lloyd George, of Great Britain and Millerand of France.

It was agreed that daily communications should be issued, as upon the occasion of previous sessions of the council. It developed definitely today that the United States would not be represented at the conference.

The prime ministers of the three great powers—Nitti, Millerand and Lloyd George, have expressed very decided regret that the United States government was taking no part in what is regarded as one of the final acts of the peace conference.

As far as it can be sensed, the feeling here is that the absence of America is only a temporary one and that the reasons for her present detachment are likely to disappear.

For the present, however, the prime ministers, foreign ministers and ambassadors, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Belgium and Greece at the meeting are occupied with problems particularly affecting themselves and there is no disposition to dwell unduly upon the lack of American participation.

The first meeting of the congress will be opened at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. To Discuss Exchange. Another subject which has not been much mentioned as yet, but which will be brought before the council before its close, will be the condition of international exchange and the position in which Italian industry has been placed by lack of coal. The Hungarian treaty will have to be passed upon finally, with the prospect ahead that the present Hungarian government may refuse to sign it. Then there is the vastly important question of compelling Germany to fulfill the treaty of Versailles, regarding which an early declaration by the conference is expected.

Sessions will be held morning and afternoon, with the possibility that evening meetings also may be arranged for.

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT NOT TO EXTRADITE KAPP

Switzerland Takes Position Former German Chancellor Committed No Crime

Berlin, April 17.—The Swedish government has decided that it will not grant extradition of Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, leader of the German reactionary revolt of March 13, in the event such action is requested by Germany, the newspaper Vorwärts has learned from an authoritative source. The government takes the position that the offense of Dr. Kapp who was arrested at Soderström yesterday is not extraditable. The newspaper expresses the hope that the German government will be able to find some means to prevent Dr. Kapp "from brewing further mischief."

Stockholm, April 17.—Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who was arrested yesterday, is being permitted to live at a hotel and to walk about the city in the custody of detectives. The airplane in which Dr. Kapp entered Sweden was piloted by a lieutenant, Juterbroch, who has returned to Germany.

YOUTH FOUND DEAD ON SIDEWALK IN TWIN CITY

Winston-Salem, April 18.—The officers say tonight they have no definite clue regarding parties who killed Luther Harris, age 15, who was found dead with his throat cut, lying partly on the sidewalk at corner of Liberty Street and Patterson avenue at a late hour last night. Two young negroes were arrested today but investigation revealed that they were innocent. Harris' home was at Honda but he has been working in a cigarette factory here for two years. His father arrived here tonight and took charge of the body. The crime is puzzling to the officers.

DIES IN ACT OF BECOMING MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

Richmond, Va., April 18.—Kneeling at the altar while being received in the Seventh Street Christian church today, Preston H. Cobb, age 49, died instantly of heart disease. The Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan was in the act of pronouncing him a member of the congregation when Cobb reeled and fell into the aisle.

RAILROAD STRIKE APPARENTLY OVER; NORMAL SERVICE

Except In Isolated Sections, Railroad Officials Report Return to Work

TO PRESENT DEMANDS TO RAILWAY LABOR BOARD

In Chicago, Original Strike Center, Officials State Walkout Loses Its Effectiveness While Brotherhood Chiefs Take Action to Revoke Charters of Unions

The nation-wide railroad strike apparently has collapsed.

Except in a few isolated sections, railroad officials reported last night the bulk of the men who followed the leadership of John Grunau, a Chicago trainman, had returned to work.

Normal passenger service was virtually restored, they said, while substantial progress had been made in moving the vast amount of freight that has been accumulated through the country, especially in the east during the past three weeks.

Many of the strikers went out without presenting any grievances and later announced that failure to receive increases in wages granted to other railroad men prompted their action. The strikers, who acted in defiance of the railroad brotherhood chiefs had generally returned without any definite promises of more pay.

To Revoke Charters. In many cases, however, they have been assured their demands will be presented to President Wilson's labor board which is empowered under the Federal Transportation act to settle disputes between the railroads and their men. The board is now sitting in Washington.

In Chicago, the original strike center, railroad officials reported the strike had lost its effectiveness, while brotherhood chiefs declared action would be taken today towards revoking the charters of locals whose members refused to return to work by midnight Saturday. No more than 2,000 men are reported to be out there by railroad officials although these figures were disputed by Grunau who claimed the strikers ranks were unbroken and that a meeting of "outlaw" union heads from all sections of the country would be held here today to make plans for continuing the strike. In the New York district it was apparent most of the strikers whose numbers were variously estimated from 4,000 to 30,000 had returned. Two thousand employees of the Hudson Tubes, which carry thousands of commuters into New York daily from Northern New Jersey points, were the only united and important hold outs. The tubes had been closed to passenger traffic since the men walked out, April 14.

Resume Work in Detroit. In Detroit an attempt will be made today to resume switching operations with volunteer crews recruited from the ranks of idle factory workers. In Cleveland all local freight terminals with the exception of the New York Central, Colwell Yards and the Erie Railroad, were still tied up, but passenger service through the Union station was normal.

The return today of several hundred striking Baltimore and Ohio trainmen of the Connellsville-Pittsburgh division is expected to mark general resumption of freight service in that district. A few Pittsburg terminal men are still out.

Virtually normal conditions were reported in the Buffalo, Toledo and Philadelphia districts where the majority of strikers had already returned to work. Stronous efforts were made last night to break up the strike in Columbus, Ohio.

The principal effect of the strike thus far has been the closing of many industries because of their inability to obtain coal, raw materials, and freight cars to move their products. One hundred thousand men were reported to be in the Detroit district, a similar number in the state of Ohio and 35,000 in the Connellsville coke region with many more thousands others out of work in other sections of the country. No where has there been a vital interruption of the food supply.

INSANE MAN RECENTLY LEFT HOSPITAL AT WILLIAMSBURG

Norfolk, Va., April 18.—Dr. G. W. Brown, superintendent of the Eastern State hospital for the insane at Williamsburg, in a statement tonight declared that Thomas W. Simpkins, who killed Dr. James Markoe in a New York church this morning, voluntarily came to the hospital for treatment on March 15, and left on April 15, of this year without permission. Dr. Brown declared that the man is an Englishman and that he called himself Shelley at times, that being the name of his wife and that while in

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AMERICAN SQUADRON IN POLAND BOMBS BOLSHEVIK

With the Polish Army at the Front, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Kocubinski Squadron, the American air unit operating with the Polish forces, today flew sixty miles behind the Bolsheviki lines and bombed the Jitomir railroad junction, southwest of Kiev, The Americans saw low and attached the railroad yards crowded with troop trains, dropping bombs and using their machine guns.

FIGHTING "OUTLAW" RAILROAD STRIKE



A. F. Whitney, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who is fighting the "outlaw" rail strike. According to Mr. Whitney, the backbone of the strike has been broken by the brotherhoods in the Chicago districts.

REBEL MEXICAN TROOPS MAKES RAPID PROGRESS

Sonora Commander Claims to Make Thirty Miles Daily in Spite of Carranza

Agua Prieta, Sonora, April 18.—Despite resistance from Carranza soldiers, General Angel Flores, Sonora commander, has progressed at the rate of thirty miles a day, according to a message received here by Francisco Elias, a leader in the Sonora revolutionary movement. After defeating Carranza forces yesterday, thirty kilometers south of Guasucuil, Sonora, killing 12 soldiers, capturing six wounded and thirty unarmored prisoners, Gen. Flores was quoted as having found a locomotive, nine cars, "plenty of arms" and some horses. The prisoners were said to include six officers.

More than one thousand troops, principally Yaqui Indians, have assembled in Agua Prieta. Five hundred more are at Naco, a few miles south of here, and one thousand more en route. The troops at Naco are reported to have thirty Browning machine guns. The state of Nayarit, Mexico, has endorsed the steps taken by Sonora against the Carranza government, according to a message received last night from General P. Elias Calles, commander in chief of the Sonora forces and acting governor.

RUSH KENTUCKY NEGRO TO LEXINGTON PRISON

Fears of Lynching of Colored Man, Charged With Assault on White Girl

Lexington, Ky., April 18.—Lucian Jenkins, 27, negro, charged with assaulting 5-year-old Willie Trimble, of Danville, Ky., was rushed to the Lexington jail from Danville, early today to thwart a possible lynching at the hands of a mob in Danville.

Jenkins, who with Keith Phillips, 15-year-old white boy, is charged with kidnapping the Trimble child Friday night, taking him into a cornfield and striking him on the head with a hammer, despite knowledge of the crime.

Jenkins was spirited out of the Danville jail last night by officers while a mob was outside demanding entrance. The lights in the jail suddenly were turned out and while the place was in darkness Jenkins and the officers escaped. Later members of the mob were admitted to the jail and made a search.

Jenkins, a grocer's delivery man, admits having had trouble with the Trimble family because of the manner in which he delivered groceries. Reports from Danville tonight were that the town was quiet. The Trimble boy is recovering from a fractured skull.

THIS STILL TURNED OUT WHISKEY IN A HURRY

Hickory, April 18.—Deputy Collector P. P. Jones and Deputy Sheriff W. J. Kennedy captured a blockade still near Bakers Mountain, this county, late Thursday that was turning out liquor at the rate of two gallons an hour, Mr. Kennedy reported today. The still was in full operation and was making white lightning in a hurry. The operator, whose name was not learned, made his get away. The still was a 70-gallon outfit and was of all copper construction.

Clinton Scollard, noted New York poet and novelist, has returned to the north after spending several days in Hickory with friends. He made a trip to Bakers Mountain with a party of friends and composed two short poems on famous scenes there. Miss Pearl Little, a local composer, had set several of her verses to music and these were appreciated by him. Scollard was delighted with the poems of John Charles McNeill and declared they should have a larger circulation.

NEW YORK DOCTOR KILLED IN CHURCH BY INSANE PERSON

Shooting Takes Place In Fashionable St. George's Episcopal Church

PHYSICIAN ENGAGED IN TAKING UP COLLECTION

Stranger Whips Out Revolver As Dr. James Markoe Reaches His Pew and Shoots Him in Head; Fires Several More Shots As He Escapes But Finally Overpowered

New York, April 18.—Dr. James Markoe, a well known surgeon was shot and killed today while taking up the offering at the morning service in the fashionable St. George's Protestant Episcopal church, 15th Street and Stuyvesant Place in the old aristocratic district of New York.

His assailant was captured after a short chase by a group of parishioners. He gave name first as Tmos. W. Shelley and later as Thomas W. Simpkins. The police said he told them he had escaped Thursday from the Eastern State hospital for the insane at Williamsburg, Va.

Whips Out Revolver

Dr. Markoe, a wealthy vestryman of the church, was a friend and personal physician to J. Pierpont Morgan, also a parishioner there. He was 55 years old. The church was crowded with parishioners, many of them representatives of the wealthiest families in New York when the shooting took place. Dr. Markoe was walking down the left aisle taking up collection while the choir was singing an anthem. As he reached the 15th pew from the rear and leaned over to pass the plate, Shelley, who was seated next to the aisle, whipped out a revolver and fired at the physician. The bullet struck him over the left eye and he collapsed in the aisle.

Several women screamed and men rushed from their seats toward the aid of the physician and others in pursuit of his assailant. Shelley, with the revolver in his hand, leaped over the body of the physician to run out of the church. The choir, led by Charles Safford, continued singing in an effort to quiet the congregation. Shelley continued shooting. His second shot, directed at members of the congregation who were pursuing him, when wild. John C. Tidman, the sexton, dropped to the floor in time to escape the third bullet, which grazed the cheek of J. Morgan Jones.

Shelley then ran from the church into Stuyvesant Square. George E. Brewer was the first man to reach him. He grabbed the man's arm but Shelley managed to wriggle himself loose long enough to fire another shot, which grazed Dr. Brewer's thigh. By that time several other members of the congregation had thrown Shelley to the ground and were holding him down when a policeman arrived, handcuffed the prisoner and took him to the police station.

Meanwhile, Dr. Markoe had been carried out of the church and placed in an automobile. As he was being lifted into the car he regained consciousness long enough to say "I will be all right" and then collapsed. He was rushed to the Lying-In Hospital but was dead when brought into that institution.

Shelley freely admitted that he had shot Dr. Markoe, according to the police. "There are a lot more who are going to get it too" he is reported to have said when questioned by detectives.

Search of a suit case Shelley had checked at the Pennsylvania terminal revealed the police say, several radical papers and pamphlets. He also had a draft card showing he had registered, September 13, 1918, under the name of Thomas W. Simpkins, 203 Fourth St., Sank City, Wis. There were also several business cards reading "Thomas W. Simpkins" and in the lower corner "representing Swift County Printing Company" and "Kerkhoven Banner."

A letter addressed to him and found in the suit case had the address, 5118 Peabody street, Duluth, Minn. The police believe it was from his wife.

About two years ago, Shelley told the police, he escaped from the insane asylum at Fergus Falls, Minn., after three unsuccessful attempts. Six months later he went to Gary, Ind., he said, and there bought a revolver which he has carried ever since and with which he did the shooting.

ESCAPED FROM AN INSANE ASYLUM TWO YEARS AGO.

Fergus Falls, Minn., April 18.—Thomas W. Simpkins, also known as Dr. James Markoe in a New York church today, had been an inmate for some time of the Minnesota State Insane Asylum here, up to two years ago when he made his escape. He was committed to the asylum from Duluth. His mind, it is believed, became affected through study of spiritualism. He had a wife and two children in Duluth, who returned to England after Simpkins' commitment to the asylum.

Before he succeeded in escaping which was accomplished by knotting bed clothing together and lowering himself from a third story window, he had made two attempts to get away but on each occasion was recaptured. Simpkins was not regarded as dangerous here, having a cheerful disposition. While here he claimed to be in communication with spirits and showed a religious leaning.