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BAXTER CAIN HELD IN HARRIS MURDER

Coroner Sides' Jury Completes Its Investigation Into the Tragedy at Car Barns.

CHAIN CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE PRODUCED

Hearing Took Place in County Court Room and Was Largely Attended—Cain Present.

Coroner Sides' jury this morning completed its hearing of evidence in the case of Baxter Cain, colored, charged with the killing of Abel Harris, also colored, the night watchman at the street car barns Friday night, August 24th. The hearing was held in the county court room and began at 10 o'clock. The court room was packed with spectators.

In the absence of Mr. P. H. Merooney, and of Mr. T. W. Summersett, who was called away on urgent business, Messrs. A. P. Foster and A. L. Ritchie, who had viewed the body of the deceased, were placed on the jury in place of the first two named above. The other members of the jury were J. C. Kesler, J. N. Maxwell, A. L. Smoot and W. D. Hartman.

Solicitor Hayden Clement appeared for the state and he with Stable Lina, local attorney for the North Carolina Public Service Company, conducted the examination, while Messrs. A. H. Price and T. H. Vanderford, Jr., appeared for the accused man. J. H. Robertson, manager for the Public Service Company, was the first witness. He said Harris was employed as day helper at the car barns while Cain was the regular night watchman. He then described the position of the car in which the body of Harris was found, the safe from which the money was taken, how it was broken open, and the surroundings about the barns. He said the auditing of the registers showed that Friday's receipts were \$78.20.

C. C. Beaver, car barn foreman, was the next witness. He told of Cain asking to get off on the night of the murder, making this request about 4 p. m., on account of his wife being sick, and Cain suggesting that Mitchell McCall working for him. McCall was described as a very small negro and of being employed by the company in another capacity.

Beaver told Cain: he would look after getting a man to work in his place and put Harris on for the night. Cain, however, said he would put out the street lights at the stores in the city at the usual hour that night, 11 o'clock, as he knew the location of the switches. Cain came to the barn the next day but did not talk of the murder. He didn't know how Cain went to the barn Friday afternoon, whether he was walking or riding.

E. B. Denny, bookkeeper at the Yaikin hotel, next went on the stand. He told of a representative, J. C. Holloway, of the W. A. McElroy Artificial Limb Company, of Atlanta, Ga., stopping at the Yaikin and before leaving asked if the hotel would collect \$50 from Baxter Cain on an artificial leg, and said Cain would call at the hotel Saturday for it. He left a receipt with Mr. Denny for Cain. Saturday morning about 11 o'clock Cain called at the hotel and was shown to the private office where Mr. Denny was engaged. After a wait of a few minutes he explained his business and when asked if he had the money stated that he had and proceeded to produce the same. He had a lot of silver in one pocket and some bills in another. When he began counting out so much change Mr. Denny made a remark about it and Cain replied, "Yes, if it rains that won't spoil." He said he would call later for the receipt but was told he could get it then, and it was given him. Mr. Denny described the money as being nineteen \$1.00 bills, \$21.50 in halves, eight silver dollars, and \$1.50 in quarters. One of the dollar bills had been torn in two and pasted together with a piece of white paper. This money had been kept separate from all other monies in the hotel by Mr. Denny. Later he took the number of the torn dollar bill, and identified one in court as the one. He asked Cain how much a limb like that cost and the reply was \$100, and said he had been wearing the old leg seven years.

H. C. Miller a street car conductor and who was on duty Friday, August 24th, said he checked in at the barn at 11:15 that night with three others. He deposited \$13.40 together with his transfers, ticket and reports, putting these in an envelope with his name on it. He said he had taken in only one piece of paper money during the day, that being a \$1.00 bill, torn in two and pasted together with a piece of white paper. He said the one exhibited in court and which Mr. Denny said was given him by

FAISON COMMANDS CAROLINA TROOPS

Native General to Have Command of the State Men at Camp Sevier at Greenville—Native of Town of Faison and U. S. Officer.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—Brigadier General Sampson L. Faison, of the United States Army, has been ordered to take command of the North Carolina Brigade for the National guard troops at Camp Sevier at Greenville, according to information received here. General Faison is a native of this State, his old home being at Faison. (By Associated Press.)

Cain Saturday morning looked very much like the one he had taken in. He next saw this bill Saturday afternoon in the possession of Mr. Robertson, the manager of the company. He identified a batch of reports, transfers and tickets, together with the envelope in which they were placed, and which were found by officers hid in the side of a bank on Cain's place back of the latter's home in East Spencer.

Deputy Sheriff David Graham was the next to testify. He helped make an investigation into the murder Saturday morning and night. He went to Cain's house Saturday night between 8:30 and 9 o'clock with Chief of Police Miller, Sheriff Krider and other officers. While some of these were searching the house he and Deputy George Baker went to the barn, found it locked, they climbed in a window and began a search. In the hay loft Mr. Graham found hidden underneath the hay a bag containing what felt like a lot of silver money. He called Mr. Baker before he moved it. It was tied up in a cloth, they did not open it at that time. Later it was opened and contained \$27.20 in nickels, pennies, dimes and quarters. He identified the cloth of money in court as the one he had found in Cain's barn. He was also with the officers next day when, about 167 steps from Cain's barn rid in a brand new bank was found a bundle of street car reports for Friday, August 24th, also transfers and car tickets, together with envelopes in which the car meter had deposited their monies and reports. Mule tracks led from the barn to this spot and these tracks were traced to Cain's barn. A measurement made by Deputy Graham of the shoes on the mule owned by Cain corresponded with the tracks to the barn where the reports and transfers were found. Also at the same place was found an old cloth sign "Baseball at Spencer street," one that had been used on street cars during the baseball season. He said Cain lived about one and a quarter miles from the car barn via way the road.

S. P. Vail, street railway superintendent, said he helped track the mule from the barn to the branch and back. The State did not present any further evidence before the coroner's jury, although it is said there is considerable other evidence in its possession.

Baxter Cain, the accused man, was not put on the stand, neither was any evidence on his side offered. The only matter to be considered by the jury was that of probable cause.

Cain Appears Smiling. Baxter Cain, the man accused of this horrible murder and bold robbery, sat beside his attorneys and before the hearing began talked freely with those about him. He was smiling and grinning the greater part of the time, and appeared not to realize or care for the seriousness of the charge which he is facing. At one time he was seen to wink at one of his attorneys, this during Deputy Graham's description of the mule tracks and their route from the barn to the branch. Immediately after the hearing Solicitor Clement called all witnesses for the State to his court office adjoining the Superior court room, for consultation.

The Coroner's Jury Holds Cain. After a very brief deliberation the coroner's jury found that there was probable cause against Baxter Cain, the evidence tending to associate him with the double crime of murder and robbery, and he was ordered held for the next term of Rowan Superior court which convenes September 10, at which time he will be tried on a charge of murder in the first degree.

The verdict of the coroner's jury is as follows: "The jurors are unable to determine at whose hands Abel Harris met his death, but are unanimous in the opinion that he was foully murdered, and that the circumstantial evidence against Baxter Cain is unusually strong and warrant that he be held in prison without bail until the final action and decision of the grand jury at the coming term of Rowan Superior Court."

3 BIG CAMPAIGNS COME TO PAUSE

General Cardona, Whose Drive for Trieste Was Leading Event, is Most Active of All.

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS REPULSE OF GERMAN RAID

Petaim's Movements Indicate a Speedy Renewal of Infantry Battle at Verdun Sector.

(By Associated Press.)

None of the three big campaigns now in progress on the western front seem again to get in full swing. General Cardona, whose great drive for Trieste is the most spectacular of current operations, as displaying an activity more pronounced than that of either General Petaim in General Haig in their respective fields in Verdun and the Artois and Flanders sectors. Even the Italian commander, however, apparently is in the midst of a pause characteristic of virtually all of the great drives against the strongly fortified positions.

On the front below Lens General Haig reports the repulse of a German raid on the British lines. No mention is made of activity on the British side but the London war office anticipates an artillery battle is being carried on in virtually continuous form in preparation for the next forward thrust.

General Petaim's reports indicate a possible speedy renewal of the infantry battle at Verdun. Artillery on both sides of the Meuse is actively bombarding the German lines. The Germans have shown some activity in Alsace, making an attack which the French repulsed completely.

Although the British armies on the Frenes-Belgian front engaged in much notable heavy fighting in August, including the great attack of the Anglo-French forces in Flanders, the casualties were notably less than in July. British figures for August given out by the London office total 56,811 as compared to 71,892 for July a falling off of more than 12,000. Casualties indeed have been on a descending scale during the entire period since the activity of the campaign season opened, the high water mark being set in May, the figures totaling 112,233.

HEARST NOT A CANDIDATE.

William Randolph Will Not Aspire to the Mayoralty of the City of New York as Was Expected by Some.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 31.—William Randolph Hearst will not be a candidate for mayor of New York at the coming primary was filed with the board of elections today, the last day under the law for taking this action. Mr. Hearst was designated by petition for nomination on the Democratic ticket.

BREAD TO COME DOWN VERY SOON

Believed That the Fixing of the Prices of Wheat Crop Will Result in a Reduction in the Price of Bread—This Will Assure Reasonable Profit for Dealers.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 31.—A reduction in the price of bread is believed to be in sight as the result of the fixing of the price of wheat at \$2.20 for the 1917 crop. The licensing system of flour manufacturers and bread dealers soon to be put into effect is expected to find a way of bringing down the prices. The commissioners agreed that a price of \$2.20 will permit of the selling of a 14 ounce loaf at 5 cents and allow a profit to both the miller and the baker.

LONDON JOYS OVER PRESIDENT'S ANSWER

With Exception of War Message the President's Reply to Pope's Peace Note No Message Has Created More Enthusiasm in London.

Washington, Aug. 31.—With the exception of President Wilson's war message no declaration of this government has been received with greater enthusiasm in London than the reply to the Pope's peace appeal.

Ambassador Page has notified the State Department that the British public read the press notice with evident approval and enthusiasm.

PEACE CONFERENCE DELEGATES OUSTED

Refused Permission to Hold Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, Are Driven From City.

PLAN TO HOLD MEETING AT CAPITAL IN WASHINGTON

When Delegates Were Ousted From St. Paul it Was Hoped to Meet in Minneapolis.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 31.—Plans of an organization known as the People's Council of America to hold a "peace meeting" in this city today were in jeopardy when it became impossible for the delegates to secure a hall in which to hold the meeting. Under the delegates were rounded up in automobiles and taken to the depot where they were put aboard a train and ordered to leave and never return to the city.

Determined to Hold Meeting. Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 31.—The People's Council of America today received notice, through Executive Secretary Louis Lockner, that a peace conference program would be carried out despite the difficulty encountered in obtaining a place. Lockner intimated that the meeting would be held in Milwaukee.

Leaders of the Council announced here today that they would start for Washington tonight to put the question of the right to hold a national peace convention up to the Federal authorities.

In case a hall cannot be obtained it is suggested the meeting might be held on the plaza in front of the capitol at Washington. This decision was announced by Louis Lockner, executive secretary of the association, on council leader over the telephone, after a morning conference with east. Earlier it had been planned to host the meeting in Milwaukee.

CAMP GREENE AT CHARLOTTE, IS ABOUT READY FOR TROOPS

Saturday Will Find the Big Camp Ready for the Reception of Troops—Over One Thousand Six Hundred Buildings—Tentage Ordered From Atlanta.

Charlotte, Aug. 30.—In answer to a telegram from General Liggett, commanding the 41st division, Major Greene wired that the camp here will be ready for troops by Saturday, and that the camp is now practically completed. Tentage has been ordered from Atlanta and is expected at the camp in a few days.

Special attention is also being given the base hospital which will be one of the finest in any cantonment, and the opinion has been expressed that this hospital will be called on to accommodate wounded soldiers who may be brought back from France by way of an Atlantic port. Good progress is being made on the hospital and it will be ready in a short time for use.

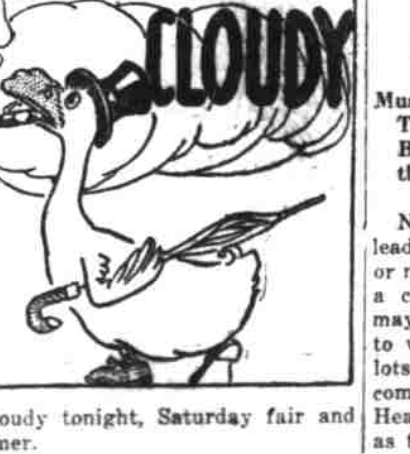
The camp quartermaster, Captain Kemp, has arrived from the west and taken up his duties in connection with the coming of the 41st division to Charlotte. Lieut. Barton, signal officer, and Capt. Stockard, medical officer, have also arrived from the far west this week.

Manager C. A. Cummings has prepared an official list of buildings at the camp, either completed or to be erected soon, and this shows a total of 1,224 buildings.

Additional orders yesterday called for 14 buildings for quartermaster's corps, and civilian employes and five recreation Y. M. C. A. buildings.

Up to date 630 carloads of material have been used in building work, and much more material will arrive later.

WEATHER FORECAST



Cloudy tonight, Saturday fair and warmer.

FEDERAL JUDGE BOYD DECLARES KEATING-OWEN CHILD LABOR LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL AT GREENSBORO

MANY CARS SOUTH TO MOVE THE CROPS

Washington, Aug. 31.—Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the Railroad War Board, authorized the following:

During the past ten days more than 7,000 additional empty cars have been ordered into the South and Southwest to protect the movement of grain and food products and facilitate the transportation of lumber for the cantonments and shipyards.

The order, which the commission in car service of the Railroad's war board has issued since the policy was adopted of moving empty cars from one railroad to another regardless of ownership in order to meet the abnormal freight conditions that the war has produced have resulted in 113,420 cars being distributed where they were most needed.

All of this movement has taken place since May 1st. As a result, despite the most terrific pressure ever inflicted upon the railroads of the country, millions of tons of government supplies including lumber, munitions and materials for government construction have been transported by the carriers without a hitch this year and without interfering to any extent with the regular commercial traffic of the country which, too, has been increased to vast proportions by the war.

Of the latest cars ordered distributed by the Railroad's war board, 2,450 cars are to be placed in the grain producing country, 4,537 additional cars have been sent into the lumber states of the South, and 400 others sent to one of the Atlantic coast lines to protect the unexpected increase in general freight traffic.

The lines to which cars have been consigned to protect the grain movement together with the number of cars consigned to each are as follows: Chicago & Eastern Illinois, 500; Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western, 500; Wabash, 500; Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, 250; Toledo, St. Louis & Western, 300; Gulf Coast, 200.

The lines to which cars have been ordered to assure the prompt movement of lumber include Central of Georgia, 100; Louisville & Nashville, 500; Mobile & Ohio, 350; Illinois Central, 350; Louisiana Railway & Navigation Company, 12; Gulf, Florida & Alabama, 275; Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, 300; Toledo, Peoria & Western, 150; Georgia & Florida, 75; Southern, 500; Atlantic Coast Line, 1250; Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic, 75; Seaboard Air Line, 400; Charleston & Western Carolina, 300.

RAILWAY BRIDGE IS WASHED AWAY

Heavy Rains in Catawba and Lincoln Counties Do Much Damage—House in Hickory Hit by Lightning—Streams Up and Some Damage to Roads and Lands.

(Special to Post.)

Hickory, Aug. 31.—A trestle on the Carolina and Northwestern road over Moutz creek, south of Lincoln, has been washed away. Considerable damage has been done by swollen streams.

A small house in the suburbs of Hickory was destroyed by fire last night following a stroke of lightning.

The rain fall the past 24 hours was close to four inches and all streams are high and some damage is resulting to crops and to roads.

HEARST MAY RUN FOR THE MAYORALTY

Must Answer Tonight and if He Fails To Have Name Withdrawn from Ballot He Will Be a Candidate for the Nomination.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 31.—Democratic leaders are waiting to learn whether or not William R. Hearst is to become a candidate for the nomination for mayor or not. He has until tonight to withdraw his name from the ballots and if this is not done he becomes a candidate. Friends of Mr. Hearst will not give any intimation as to what they believe he will do.

Decision Handed Down Today in the Case of Robert Dagenhart and Two Minor Sons Against the Fidelity Manufacturing Company at Charlotte—Was First Case to Test New Law to Become Effective September 1st—Announcement From Washington That the Case Will Be Appealed by the Government.

CARTOONIST AS CONGRESSMAN

(By Associated Press.)



REP. JOHN M. BEAR.

John M. Bear has just been elected to the House of Representatives from North Dakota, backed by the Farmers' League of that state to fill a vacancy. Mr. Bear made his name among the farmers by the work he did as cartoonist. He wants peace with Germany. "Why are the millions of American manhood to be sacrificed on the bloody battlefield of war?" he asked.

WILSON'S NOTE NOT RECEIVED IN BERLIN

Up Until Last Night No Text of the Reply the American President Made to the Pope is in Berlin—Only Editorials Give the Import.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Aug. 30, via London, Aug. 31.—The text of the reply which President Wilson made to the Pope's peace note is not received in Berlin as yet tonight. Up to a late hour the only thing on the reply sent by President Wilson was the editorial comments by New York newspapers that came through Holland. Nothing else is received to give even the tenor of the note.

COTTON CROP IS ESTIMATED AT 67.8

The Number of Bales is Set Down at 12,499,000 Based on the Crop Condition of August 26th—North Carolina is 69 Per Cent of Normal Crop.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 31.—The cotton crop was today forecasted at 12,499,000 equivalent to five hundred pound bales by the department of agriculture in a revised estimate just issued and based on the crop condition on August 26th. The crop condition on that day was 67.8 per cent of a normal crop.

The conditions by states include, Virginia, 76; North Carolina, 69, and South Carolina, 74 per cent.

Prospects improved to the extent of 550,000 bales. August brought the estimate of the final output to 12,499,000 equivalent to 500 pound bales. That quantity was forecast by the department of agriculture on the condition of the crop August 25th, which showed a decline of 2.5 as compared with the ten year average of 6.8. Acreage yield was forecast at 17.46 pounds compared to 16.9 pounds forecast from July 25th conditions.

HEDS COMMISSION TO FIX THE PRICE OF WHEAT

Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams College (son of the late President), has been named by Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, as the head of a commission to fix the price of the wheat crop of 1917. This action is so far the most revolutionary the government has undertaken in connection with the war.

Greensboro, August 31.—Federal Judge James E. Boyd declared the Keating-Owen Child Labor Law unconstitutional here today.

The injunction proceedings which resulted in Judge Boyd's ruling were brought by Robert Darenhart and his two sons, Reuben and John, against the Fidelity Manufacturing Company to prevent the company from discharging his two boys, minors, from the company's cotton mill at Charlotte.

The law, which becomes effective tomorrow, prohibits the employment of any child under 14 years of age in any factory, workshop or cannery whose product is shipped by interstate commerce, and requires that the working of any child 14 to 15 years of age shall not be longer than 8 hours a day.

Reuben Dagenhart is, under 16 years of age and John Dagenhart is under 14 years of age. The father contended that he has a right to their wages until they are 21 years of age, and that as the North Carolina law allows 11 hours a day Reuben has a right to work more than 8 hours, while John has a right to work in the mill, although he is under 14 years of age, because the State law permits it.

Government Will Appeal Case. Washington, Aug. 31.—The government will at once appeal from the decision of Judge Boyd in holding the child labor law unconstitutional. It will probably be expedited in order to get it before the United States Supreme Court at the coming fall term.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Thirty-Second Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of E. L. Church in Session at Mount Pleasant.

(By John B. Moose.)

Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 30.—The thirty-second convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the E. L. Synod of North Carolina convened in Holy Trinity church, the Rev. R. A. Goodman, pastor, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The convention was formally opened by the president, Miss Constance Cline, of Concord. A large number of delegates were enrolled.

The president's report showed an exceptionally good year's work. This was especially gratifying in view of the unsettled national affairs.

The treasurer's report showed \$5,535.00 contributed through the society treasury. The banner Woman's Society was St. James', Concord; banner Young Peoples' Society, St. James', Concord; banner Children's Society, Holy Trinity, Mt. Pleasant.

A very impressive feature of the evening service was the presentation to the convention, by Dr. C. L. Brown, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, of Misses Maud and Annie Powlas, of Hickory, who have recently volunteered for service in Japan. These young ladies are graduates of Lenoir College, Hickory. After a year of special preparation in kindergarten work and Bible teaching they will go to Japan.

Friday morning's session is a business session of the Young Peoples' Societies, followed at 11 a. m. with an address by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C.

At the afternoon session Dr. C. L. Brown will make an address. The evening address will be by Rev. A. D. R. Hauser, secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

CHINA WANTS FOREIGN MISSION.

Outside Help Urged by the Chinese Press in Preparing the Country for War With Germany.

(By Associated Press.)

Peking, China, Aug. 31.—The Chinese press urges that a foreign commission be sent to advise and assist the government of China to prepare plans for participation in the war.

The Government having cut the cost of coal \$1 a ton all over the country, the coal hog will be hugging himself because he took the precaution to boost the price about \$3 a ton.—Rochester Herald.