

WILLIAM HALL WILL BE PLACED ON TRIAL TODAY

More Than 100 Witnesses Have Been Called—Judge Bent to Preside.

MANASSAS, Va., Dec. 28.—William G. Hall, prohibition inspector, will go on trial here tomorrow morning for the second time on a charge of slaying Lawrence D. Hudson and Raymond Shackelford on the morning of March 28, 1919, at Fisher's Hill.

The trial will be presided over by Judge Samuel G. Brent, of Alexandria, Manassas tonight saw the arrival of many of the witnesses, members of the jury and attorneys. Hall is expected to arrive early tomorrow morning from Danville, where he has been making his home.

The tragedy in which the two men lost their lives was enacted at 8 o'clock on the morning of March 28, at Fisher's Hill, in Shenandoah county. During the fusillade of shots Shackelford and Hudson were mortally wounded, the former dying before reaching the Winchester hospital and the latter passing away several days later. Both were held by the prohibition inspectors to be engaged in illicit whiskey traffic.

Deputies Harry F. Swann, Sr., J. H. Sullivan and V. R. Dunneavy were also indicted, but have never been placed on trial. The impression prevails here tonight that Hall's second trial will determine the course to be pursued in the other cases.

On the allegation that the defendants could not obtain a fair trial in Shenandoah county, the cases were removed to the circuit court here. Intense hostility prevailed against the inspectors when they were arraigned at Winchester. Community organizer Sidney Peters and his staff being forced to seek refuge in a hotel to escape the wrath of the mob that threatened them.

More than 100 witnesses have been called in the trial of William G. Hall, who, it is alleged, was driving the automobile filled with inspectors on the night of the tragedy. He is being held in Richmond under an indictment charging wife murder.

THREAT AGAINST GOV. LOWDEN'S LIFE

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—Two secret service agents in formal dress attended the presentation to society yesterday of Miss Harriet Lowden, second daughter of Governor Frank O. Lowden, as the result of a threatening letter. It was disclosed today. Postoffice inspectors believe the author of the threat was an anarchist.

The governor took little notice of the letter except to turn it over to the postoffice department. It was received last Thursday by Mrs. Frank O. Lowden, at her home, Mrs. George M. Pullman, at whose residence her granddaughter's debut took place. The letter follows: "Mr. Governor: Your life will soon be taken. You will be shot in the street at night—the place and the date will be given to you. You will not have long to wait when you pay the penalty."

PRESIDENT OBSERVES HIS 63RD BIRTHDAY QUIETLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson observed his 63rd birthday quietly today, much improved in health, surrounded by the members of his family with the exception of Miss W. S. McAdoo, who was unable to be present. President Wilson, Mrs. S. G. Sawyer arrived from Cambridge, Mass., last night, and Miss Margaret Wilson has been at the white house since her arrival here.

WILL TRY TO PROVE NEW PLANNED TO WED GIRL

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 28.—Efforts will be made tomorrow at the trial of Harry S. New, alleged murderer of his sweetheart, Freda Lester, to prove that he had premeditated her death a few hours before her death. It was announced tonight by the defendant's attorneys, Leonard Davis, counsel for New, said the defense would complete presentation of its case by Wednesday afternoon.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

PINEHURST, Dec. 28.—Over 120 contestants will take off in the qualifying round of the annual midwinter golf tournament at Pinehurst tomorrow.

Arthur L. Walker, Jr., the intercollegiate champion and winner last year of both the qualifying medal and the final in this tournament, arrived here yesterday and is a strong favorite for the medalists' honors. Walker has been going around consistently in the late seventies.

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MRS. DOLLY BENNETT'S QUESTIONED BY SHERIFF

Denies That Rivalry Led to Threats Against I. Stanley Brown.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 28.—Statements that rivalry for her affections had led to threats of violence against I. Stanley Brown, killed in his automobile near here last Tuesday night were denied today by Mrs. Dolly Bennett. Mrs. Bennett, brought here this morning from Sandusky, Ohio, was questioned at length by Sheriff Caldwell and held for further interrogation. Meanwhile, the sheriff was checking up her statement of her movements before and after the discovery of Brown's automobile on the road between here and Detroit.

Two men, one a taxicab driver, and the other a soldier, sought by the authorities had not been located early this evening. It was the taxicab driver, according to statements previously made to the authorities, who had threatened Brown. Mrs. Bennett told the sheriff she knew a chauffeur acquainted with Brown's but emphatically stated he was not on friendly terms with her.

The soldier, it was learned today, is being sought to substantiate a story that Brown had armed himself following the alleged threats against his life.

According to this statement, Brown, fearing that in an impassioned moment he might use his revolver, turned it over to the soldier. The names of both the taxicab driver and the soldier are being withheld by the authorities.

TAKEN TO MOUNT CLEMENS

INDUSKY, O., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Dolly Bennett, arrested yesterday in connection with the murder of I. Stanley Brown, son of a Detroit millionaire, near Mount Clemens, last Tuesday, was taken to Mount Clemens today by Deputy Sheriff Sam Lowenstein, of Mount Clemens. Mrs. Bennett, who was arrested at Sandusky, Ohio, was not questioned by authorities here. Deputy Lowenstein told her she was simply wanted as a witness in the case. When arrested today at the home of her father, Charles Beck, who came here six months ago, it is thought, from Detroit.

MRS. T. M. JOHNSON DEAD AT HOME HERE

Death Came Unexpectedly Just Before Midnight—Interment Will Be in Greensboro Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. T. M. Johnson, wife of Rev. Johnson, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, died last night shortly before midnight, her death coming unexpectedly. She had not been considered seriously ill, but since Saturday.

Surviving are her husband, three children, Pomona, age 15; Talton M. Jr., age 12, and Mary Ward, age 5, and several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Johnson was before her marriage, Miss Mary Weatherly, of a well known Greensboro family, and the body will be carried to her home city for interment. Funeral services will be held in Greensboro Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

TWO AVIATORS ARE RESCUED OFF COAST

DATONA, Fla., Dec. 28.—James Levy, a wealthy automobile dealer and his pilot named Goodrich, en route to Miami from New York to Miami were rescued off the Florida coast near here today when motor trouble and an exhausted gas supply forced them to alight on a wooded island. The two men were sighted about eight miles off the coast by J. O. Jorstad, formerly of the United States air service who was flying to Coronado Beach. Jorstad notified the coast guard at Mosquito Inlet and the drifting aviators were towed in. Levy and Goodrich were sighted after being forced to light and apparently suffered no harm. They were expected to continue their trip soon.

LIQUOR TAXES COLLECTED IN 1919, \$489,050,854.47

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Fermented and distilled liquor taxes collected by the government in 1919 was \$489,050,854.47, according to a report made public today by the local office of the internal revenue bureau. The total revenue collected was given as \$3,551,978,556 as compared with \$309,395,640.44 in 1917. The big increase in the biennial was largely due to the income and excess profits taxes.

SEVERAL INJURED WHEN TRACTION CAR HITS COW

FORT ARTHUR, Texas, Dec. 28.—Between 20 and 25 persons were injured tonight when an interurban car from Beaumont struck a cow three miles from here and rolled down an embankment. No one was killed. An accident virtually duplicating tonight's, except that the other car carried no passengers, occurred at the same place four days ago.

VARNELL WILL REFEREE HARVARD-OREGON GAME

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 28.—George Varnell, Spokane, Washington, newspaper man has been selected to referee to Harvard-Oregon football game here New Year's Day.

Other officials chosen are: umpire, Pat Quigley, National league umpire; headlinesman, Plowden Stout, former Stanford official; field judge, Henry Butterfield, Brookline, Mass.

TWO PERSONS KILLED IN BATTLE WITH ROBBERS

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 28.—Two persons were killed here last night in a battle with hold-up men. J. Arch Hall, floor manager of a local furnishings store, was shot to death in front of his home when attacked by two men, one of them was killed. The other was captured by the police.

Industrial Conference Makes Tentative Recommendations

Creation of National Industrial Tribunal and Boards of Inquiry Urged—Public Hearings Will Be Held When the Conference Reconvenes Jan. 12.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Tentative recommendations for the establishment of machinery to prevent or retard labor conflicts in private industry were announced today by the President's Industrial Conference with a view to obtaining constructive criticism before the final plan is adopted.

The plan as now outlined contemplates the creation of a National Industrial Tribunal and Regional Boards of Inquiry, which would move to the settlement of disputes between the parties to the dispute.

Remarking that some public utilities, such as railroads, are essential to the very existence of the people, the conference's tentative statement expressed the opinion that the "interposition in such essential public utilities is intolerable. It is the opinion of the conference that further consideration is required of the problem whether some method can be arrived at that will avert all danger of interruption to service."

Government employees, the third class into which the wage earning public are divided, should have the right to associate for mutual protection, the statement declared, but the interest of any group with the continuous operation of government functions through concerted cessation of work or threats thereof can be permitted.

When the conference reconvenes on January 12, public hearings will be held to obtain expert advice as to the drafting of final recommendations in the light of such criticism of the tentative report as may be received. While stating that at this time it was believed more essential to establish machinery for averting conflicts than to undertake a discussion of the causes of unrest, the conference indicated clearly the general principle on which it has based its recommendations.

"Our modern industrial organization," the tentative report said, "it is not to become a failure, must yield to the individual a larger satisfaction than at this time it does. The theory that labor is a commodity to be abandoned, but the concept of leadership must be substituted for that of mastership. Human fellowship in industry must be an empty phrase or a living fact."

"Pending the growth of better relationship between employers and employees, the practical approach to the problem is to devise a method for providing machinery for the adjustment of differences. To be successful such tribunals must be so organized as to operate promptly as well as impartially. The plain fact is that the public has a right to expect the power of great employers; it is becoming uneasy about the power of great labor organizations. The community must be assured against domination by either side.

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The National Industrial Tribunal, suggested by the conference, would consist of nine members appointed by the President, three each representing the employer, employees and the public. The tribunal would, in general, be a board of appeal, whose decisions must be unanimous, but provision was made for public majority and minority reports in cases where no agreement was possible.

The "On-line Regions" Industrial regions, probably twelve in number conforming to the federal reserve system, would be outlined and a regional chairman appointed for each by the President. The chairman would be named by the President, if the work in any region required it.

Panel of employers and employees for each region would be prepared by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Labor, respectively, at the conferences with the employers and workers of that region. Each panel, approved by the President, would be classified by industries among the employers and by industries, with sub-classification into crafts, among the employees. Lists would be cast to determine the order of names in each panel.

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SAYS DESIRE FOR FINE CLOTHS BOOSTS H. C. L.

Wood Urges Use of Coarser Wools to Help Reduce Living Costs.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The insistence of the public on cloth made from fine wools is a large factor in the present high prices of clothing, according to William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company.

Mr. Wood, who recently charged that some of the merchants in law, were demanding excessive prices for necessities and were in the habit of raising prices with every increase in wages in the company's mills in that city, gave out a prepared statement tonight in response to a request for his views upon the high cost of clothing.

"If our people would consent," was his conclusion, "to wear good substantial, durable clothes made of the coarser wools, clothing would be purchased at considerably lower prices than those which now prevail."

His statement in part follows: "It is generally thought that the cost of cloth is the controlling factor in the cost of clothing, but the fact is that the cloth cost is less than half the cost of a completed suit, and other factors contributed to the price of clothing quite as much as the cost of the cloth.

"In the last five years the cost of clothing in the ordinary suit of clothes has advanced no more, indeed, has advanced a little less, than the cost of labor and other materials that go into the making of the suit. The following figures show the increase in cost from manufacturer and merchant of clothing of the highest prominence in Boston.

"The cost in 1919 of the cloth for a suit of clothes of a particular grade is \$13.67, the corresponding cost in 1914 was \$4.58, showing an increase in the cost of cloth of \$9.09.

"The 1919 cost of making this suit in 1914 was \$4.98, showing an increase of making of \$9.69. The figures show that cloth contributes less labor and material to the increase in cost of clothing. Therefore to your question why prices of clothing do not high throughout the country, the reply is because the costs of labor and cloth and other materials that go into clothing continue so high."

DEATH LIST DUE TO POISONOUS WHISKEY CONTINUES TO GROW

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) could ill-afford to lose, said the coroner.

THREE MORE DEAD NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 28.—Three more deaths from alcohol poisoning, making a total of nine here in the last three weeks, were reported to the police tonight. County prosecutor

Revenue Charles Duffy have started investigations to trace the source of the liquor which caused the deaths.

DEATHS IN AUGUSTA AUGUST 28.—The coroner of Richmond county, in a statement issued late tonight, said that alcohol has caused the death of approximately 16 to 20 persons in the past four months. The majority of those dying were negroes. The county officials stated that in each case death was sudden and brought about by either wood alcohol or low grade whiskey, containing other poison ingredients.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.—The first death here from alcohol poisoning since Christmas, when several cases were admitted to hospital, occurred today. One new case was reported. A man found unconscious in a hotel was taken to the hospital where physicians say his chances of recovery are very slight.

Today's death brings the total since November 1, up to 15.

MERCHANT DIES EASTON, Pa., Dec. 28.—Whiskey containing wood alcohol claimed another victim here tonight, when a local shoe merchant died in a hospital shortly after being admitted.

Totally blind, the man arrested a former policeman and his wife in connection with the case.

Within two weeks, three deaths have occurred here from the same cause and an Eastonian died in Battle Creek, Mich. The man had been told to spend Christmas with relatives after drinking "whiskey" he took with him.

NEW COUNTERFEIT NOTE CIRCULATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Detection of a new counterfeit of the \$100 note of the federal reserve bank of Atlanta, Ga., is announced by W. H. Moran, chief of the secret service division of the treasury department. It is a photographic counterfeit on two pieces of paper, between which silk threads have been distributed. It is not a deceptive bill, Mr. Moran said. The paper is very brittle and tears easily. Some blue coloring has been applied to the numbers and green on the face of the note and green ink or water color on the bank but the original photograph can easily be seen through these colors. The counterfeits all bear number F862084 and the check letter is C. The note bears the portrait of Franklin and the signatures of W. G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury and John Burke, treasurer of the United States.

"ARMED RESISTANCE" D'ANNUNZIO'S SLOGAN

ELIUME, Dec. 28.—Armed resistance to the last moment of bread and last drop of blood" is Gabriele D'Annunzio's latest slogan in demanding further guarantees from the Italian government to insure the annexation of Fiume to Italy. The situation is at a stronger deadlock than ever by reason of the soldier-poet's unshaken obstinacy to remain in Fiume until his demands are met.

The national council has reversed its decision to accept the government's proposal, and has voted to support d'Annunzio's slogan with a large following of legionnaires, still remains master of the situation inside the city.

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DECKER'S STATEMENTS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Said He and Assistants Prevented Spain Joining the Central Powers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Statements made by Rear Admiral Decker, former naval attaché at Madrid, to the effect that he and his assistants were instrumental in preventing Spain from joining the central powers during the enemy offensive of March 1918, and that his work was hampered by the American ambassador, probably will be investigated during the congressional investigation of the award of naval decorations. Representative Luther P. Swain, chairman of Massachusetts of the house naval committee, said tonight.

Rear Admiral Decker's statements were contained in a letter to Secretary Daniels, made public yesterday, setting forth the reasons which prompted him to decline the navy cross for which he was recently recommended by Secretary Daniels.

"In my opinion," the letter read, "this award is entirely inadequate to the services that were performed by the office of the naval attaché and those who worked with me. The effect of this work was to keep Spain from entering the war against us at the time of the enemy's March offensive of 1918, also a reduction of the submarine activities off the coast of Spain."

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