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## Dastardly Murder At Old Martin House

### Angeles Moutos, A Greek Restaurateur Found Dead with Parts Of Sheet Ramed Down His Throat Three Men And One Woman In Jail. Robbery The Probable Cause.

Angeles Moutos, a Greek who kept the cafe in the jam at Market Square was found dead Monday afternoon at the old Martin House.

"Shorty" as he was known failed to appear at the cafe and a negro boy was sent for him, when it is reported that Ab Byrd keeper of the place refused to let the negro boy into the room. Gus Sartos, his partner then went to the room found it vacant but was denied admission to the adjoining room by Byrd. The officers were notified and they likewise denied admission into the suspected room but when they threatened to break the door, Byrd gave them the key which had been placed over the door.

Upon entrance nothing was found until Mr. Campbell used his flash light, and the dead man was found under the bed face downward his head wrapped in cloth and upon further examination by a physician it was found that a large piece of a sheet had been rammed down his throat with such force as to carry his tongue with it and dislocate his jaw.

The room had been occupied by a man and woman calling themselves Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins who had previously left town in an automobile driven by Edna Phillips, one of Bowles drivers.

Phillips told Sheriff McGeechay that he carried the parties to Roseboro and took the Sheriff down there and also to Clinton in search of the fugitives, but no trace could be found of them at either place. Wilmington officers and other places, along the road were notified and still no trace of them.

It happened that Mr. Wooton, the Cbers-Cola man was in Dunn the evening of the murder, saw Phillips, the man and woman there but knowing nothing of the murder he returned home last night and next morning when told that Phillips had reported that he went to Roseboro instead of Dunn which is about 30 miles in a different direction he notified the Sheriff who then sent his men to Dunn and trailed the parties to Rocky Mt., where they were arrested last night, and will be brought back here this afternoon.

In the meantime Ab Byrd, keeper of the house and Edna Phillips the driver who spirited them away were arrested and locked up.

Byrd has a bad record and has been tried for murder while it is said Phillips has been in trouble but managed to escape by reason of influence of relatives.

The murderers registered at Rocky Mt., as L. Thomas and it is said that the man had been meeting the trains regularly since his arrival there. The woman was in the room but had not registered as a probable precaution. The man is a large tall man

and hung around the pool room while here. The woman is small and has a ghostly appearance when not painted to give her color. She claims to be from Winston-Salem. They came here with the carnival, Fair week and the woman with two men and another woman conducted a candy wheel at the Fair.

Since that time she has been conducting a black mailing and hold up game around town according to reports. They had recently taken rooms across the hall from their victim whom it was reported carried a large sum of money in his person and it is supposed that the woman enticed him into the room and the man who was evidently concealed did the killing.

The room showed evidence of a great struggle showing that the dead man had made a desperate effort to save his life.

Byrd the owner of the house claims that he was in the garden in the afternoon and did not hear anything.

A reward of \$200 was offered by the County commissioners yesterday for arrest of the couple while private parties through the influence of Mr. H. L. Brothers, increased it to \$500.

M. C. Hall, of Lumber Bridge, and Osborn Melvin of this place traced the parties to Rocky Mt., caused the arrest and will likely receive the reward.

The murder was one of the most cruel and inhuman ever committed in this section as shown from the ramming of cloth down the victim's throat. However from statements made by the defendants they will likely attempt to cheat the electric chair by pleading The Unwritten Law.

It is reported that the defendants worked or attempted to work their game on other people around here and this is the strongest evidence of need of law enforcement here against vagrants and other like criminals that are known to go unmolested.

The parties were brought back and lodged in jail this afternoon and gave their names as L. Sturn of Berkeley, S. C., and Rose Edwards of Winston-Salem.

An inquest will be held tonight by the coroner.

**Was Saving Certificate Stamps and United States Thrift Stamps together with Thrift Cards and War-Savings Certificates, with suitable docket envelopes for such certificates will be furnished to post offices for sale to the public and to agents of the first-class, and 2 to Federal Reserve Banks, as fiscal agents of the United States, for distribution to agents of the first class. Post offices and Federal Reserve banks will maintain available supplies of stamps, certificates, and cards in amounts sufficient to meet the requirements for such distribution and sales**

## PRES. WILSON ADDRESSES CONGRESS

Peace Will Come When War is Won Restoration Repatriation And Guarantees Made

Washington, Dec. 4.—A definite statement to the world of America's war aims and of the basis upon which peace will be considered was made today by President Wilson in an address to Congress in which he urged immediate declaration of a state of war between the United States and Austria-Hungary—Germany's vassal and tool. As to Turkey and Bulgaria—also tools of the enemy—he counseled delay "because they do not yet stand in the direct path of our necessary action."

**OUR TASK UNALTERABLE**  
To win the war, the president declared in emphatic and ringing tones, is the immediate and unalterable task ahead. He urged congress, just beginning its second war session, to concentrate itself upon it.

The president sharply dismissed the possibility of premature peace sought by German intrigue and debated here by men who understand neither its nature nor the way it may be attained. With victory an accomplished fact, he said, peace will be evolved based upon "mercy and justice—to enemy and friend—with hope of a partnership of nations to guarantee future world peace."

The war will be deemed won, he declared, "when the German people say to us, though properly accredited representatives, that they are ready to agree to a settlement based upon justice and reparation of the wrongs their rulers have done." Terms of peace, he added, would not include dismemberment, robbery or punishment of the enemy, but would be based on justice, defined briefly as follows:

**TERMS OF PEACE.**  
Freedom of nations and their peoples from autocratic domination; reparation to Belgium; relinquishment of German power over the peoples of Austria-Turkey; the free Basilio states as well as evacuation of Prussian territorial conquests in Belgium and northern France.

Raleigh Dec. 4.—That the conservation propaganda being conducted in North Carolina is meeting with a splendid response in most places is shown by reports that are coming to the office of the Food Administrator here.

A particularly inspiring report has just come from Salem Academy and College at Winston-Salem. This institution serves 1000 meals a day. It is observing five meatless days a week, having two sea-food days, one fowl day, and one on which no meat in any form is served. Corn products and graham bread are substituted for white bread entirely on wheat-days and to very considerable extent during the entire week. The consumption of sugar has been cut down from 100 pounds to 35 pounds a day. Deserts are served only on alternate days and often salads instead of sweet deserts are served. Cake has been practically eliminated.

President Howard E. Rondthaler writes Food Administrator Henry A. Page that he has enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the of the entire student body in his food conservation program, and Mr. Page has written thanking the college authorities and the student body particularly for their co-operation. The Food Administration is also calling the attention of all boarding schools in the State to the example set by the Winston-Salem Academy.

### Patronize a Reliable Nursery

Don't fool with the traveling tree salesman, but take your order to some reliable nursery. It is to the nursery's advantage to see you succeed. It has been built up on square dealing, and will be there some years to come, so it cannot afford to cheat its customers.—Southern Ruralist.

## SIMMONS RAPS STATE RADICAL

Mixtures of Patriotism And Politics That Does Not Reflect Credit

Raleigh N. C., Dec. 1.—United States Senator F. M. Simmons said he had read with surprise the contradictory and most inconsistent resolutions adopted a few days ago at Hickory by the conference of Western North Carolina republican leaders. He was glad to know that these resolutions did not really represent either in this state or the United States. The preliminary paragraph he said declaring for a vigorous prosecution of the war and expressing most excellent sentiments of patriotism were all well and good but was wholly negated by the peanut politics injected into the attempts he says to hold up the democracy administration as blameworthy through lack of prompt and firm maintenance of American rights on the high seas and in foreign lands was a very small and discordant note for the North Carolina republican leaders to sound in this hour of national peril. The senator regards the resolutions as a most unfortunate mixture of patriotism and politics and do not at all reflect the sentiments of the republican party. The senator believes that the rank and file of the republican conference tried to make capital out of the national cause their bungle reflecting most damagingly on the sincerity of the rumor of the resolution. He wished to say that at no time have the republican leaders in the senate of the lower house of Congress made any efforts to cripple the country in this national crisis. They seemed to realize that the democratic party and the dominant party was facing and handling situations the like of which the country has never known. He was sorry indeed that those Western North Carolina leaders of the republican party had allowed themselves to be vehicles for the enemies of this low type of the national spirit.

San Antonio Tex. Dec. 2.—Mexican bandits have crossed the Rio Grande twice within the past few days and engaged in battles with Americans according to reports reaching here tonight. In one encounter one American soldier is reported to have been killed and another wounded.

A dispatch from La Ferria Cameron county said that bandits crossing there Friday had a battle with river guards and wounded one a Mexican who was taken at Brownsville.

A report from Alpine says that bandits crossed the river on the Stigner ranch near Indio Saturday a number of cattle and were engaged by American soldiers.

One soldier was killed says the report and another wounded while several Mexicans were killed.

### Re-Open the Case Against Count Minotto, Alleged Spy

Washington, Dec. 3.—The case of Count James Minotto, son-in-law of Louis Swift, Chicago packer, suspected of being an alien enemy, was reopened today by the bureau of immigration and was referred back to Chicago for the taking of additional testimony.

The action was taken as the result of evidence brought to the attention of the bureau by "other departments of the government," the nature of which was not disclosed.

## UNIVERSAL TRAINING LAW MAY BE PASSED

From 18 to 23 Age Limit Proposed. None Called Until 21

Washington, Dec. 1.—By the end of the new session, congress will have declared in favor of universal military training. Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, today said he believed. The senator is the author of the universal military service bill now in committee. He also captured the selective draft law in its stormy passage through the senate. "I am going to do all I can for the universal military service bill," he said today on his return from the west. "I believe it will be passed." One of the interesting features of the senator proposed in this bill is to make the ages 18 to 23 years. The age limit of 23 would catch many of the young men whose twenty-first birthdays came comparatively soon after the selective draft was applied. The national association for universal military training announces today in a statement that it favors altering the present draft law so as to register all men between 19 and 21, none to be called for service before reaching the age of 21.

The draft law is a wonderful success Senator Chamberlain said in a talk to newspapermen. "I have seldom seen such a reversal of feeling among opponents of a measure. Everybody knows that the drafted men have recognized the splendid value of their training. These men, I believe, will be the very ones who will enthusiastically support universal military training."

"But aside from the drafted men, hundreds and hundreds of Americans formerly opposed to the draft have declared for it. Rabi Stephen S. Wise, is one of these, I could name scores of others."

"I have seen little but enthusiasm for the draft on the Pacific coast and I may add right here that pacifism plays no part in the far west. Persons out there think the only way to end the war is to lick Germany."

"Certainly this is not the time to talk peace. Germany must be beaten. Any one speaking now of a peace that Germany does not ask on her knees is foolish."

Like many other senators, Mr. Chamberlain said he would be guided by the president's recommendations so far as declaring war against Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria is concerned.

"But I do not see how we can be at war with Germany and not with her allies. I think we should declare war on the Teuton allies. However, the president knows more about the situation than any one else."

Buenos Aires Dec. 2.—As a result of continual revelations of German spy plots and and insidious anti-Brazilian influence especially in the states of Parana and Uio Grands do Sul residents in the latter state headed by some of the leading Brazilians in Porto Alegre are carrying out a campaign in an effort to induce the government to expel all Germans from Brazil. Posters on the newspaper bulletin boards in Rio Grande do Sul insinuate that the citizens must force out the Germans if the government refuses to do so.

## ROBESON BRIDE AND GROOM GET REAL RECEPTION

Lieut. Tyner of Lowe, Robeson County who was recently married in N.Y. received a most interesting reception from his company at Camp Custer Battle Creek Mich. as the following from the Ammirer will show:

"The bride and groom accompanied by a few friends in an automobile were met at the cement road by Lieut. Tyner's company which had been expectantly awaiting this opportunity to show its appreciation and approval. The company was divided into two platoons, the first of which in column of fours, marched in front of the machine, the second in the rear. The machine was guarded on either flank by mounted officers from Lieut. Tyner's mess, allowing the couple no chance to escape even had they wished to do so. The trumpeter corps of the 310th sanitary train marched in front of the procession filling the air with strains of material music while to add to its completeness a 4-mile canvass-covered escort wagon brought up the rear. Several of the enlisted men became musicians for the occasion and played their instruments hastily improvised from the tinware of the kitchen with great energy. Many of the advance guard carried at right shoulder such weapons as brooms and mops while large banners bearing the legends "310th Field Hospital" and "We are just married" were conspicuous in the procession. The music was accompanied by vociferous cheering and the novel parade attracted much attention as it wended its way slowly through the streets of the cantonment. As it neared its destination building 1022 it passed before all the officers of the field hospital who were lined up to review it and to salute the bride and groom. The cheering in front of the Lieut. Tyner's quarters proved by its volume the lung development of Uncle Sam's soldiers and in response to an insistent request the groom addressed the gathering, saying how much both he and his bride appreciated this demonstration in their behalf. With a final cheer and a fanfare of trumpets, the parade dispersed."

"A congratulatory luncheon tendered by the officers of the 339th and 340th field hospital followed. The mess hall had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Covers were laid for 20 guests, who were ushered into the dining hall to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march played on the mess pianophore."

"At the beginning of the luncheon on Lieut. Downe, who acted as toastmaster presented the bride with a souvenir of the occasion in the shape of a copy of an original poem carrying on the reverse side the autographs of all the officers present."

"At the conclusion of luncheon the bridegroom again expressed on behalf of himself and bride his appreciation of the welcome that had been extended them, and they both agreed that for thoroughness and attent on detail there was nothing to compare to the army. An informal dance wound up the program."

"Mr. A. S. Hall is reported critically ill at his home on Hay Mt. ..."