

1920 HOMICIDES SHOW DECREASE

Highest Homicide Rate is Shown by South; Memphis Has Worst Record.

New York, Dec. 1.—Homicides in the United States during 1920 totaled approximately 9,000, a decrease of 500 from the 1919 record, according to a computation by Frederick L. Hoffman, third vice-president and statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America.

HAD TWO HUSBANDS ONLY TO LOSE THEM

Boston, Dec. 1.—Victor A. Turin, former captain of Old Imperial Russian Guard and a member of the quondam Russian Military Mission, filed suit here yesterday for divorce from Nadejda V. Troubetsky, one of Russia and now said to be living in Providence, R. I.

STORY OF MURDER OF KENNEDY TOLD JURY

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 1.—A chronological story of the alleged murder of J. Belton Kennedy, broker, from the viewpoint of the prosecution, was begun on the witness stand today at the trial of Arthur C. Burch, charged with the crime.

WILL FIGHT SALES TAX

Washington, Dec. 1.—Representative Dickinson, Republican, Iowa, issued a warning last night that the House agricultural bloc, which he leads, was prepared to kill any plan for adoption of a sales tax as a means of raising revenue to pay the soldiers' bonus.

Meeting Calendar

- THURSDAY. 6 p. m.—Chamber of Commerce dinner in honor of Exposition visitors. 7:30 p. m.—First meeting of class in blue print reading, Y. M. C. A. 7 p. m.—Charlotte Parent-Teachers' Association, High school. 8 p. m.—'Fathers' Night' at Fourth Ward school.

LEGAL STEPS TO GET GIRL INTO HOSPITAL

Asheville, Dec. 1.—Legal steps will be taken by the Buncombe county welfare officer today to force the parents of Dolly Owenby, 16, of Azulea, who is suffering from severe burns, to send the girl to a hospital for treatment.

STANLEY PERSONAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Stanley, Dec. 1.—Rev. J. W. Combs, of Lincoln and G. B. Goodson, of Goodsonville, visited Mrs. Frank Richards today. Mrs. Richards is very ill and Mr. Combs, who is the preacher of the Lincoln circuit is her pastor.

REV. CHAS. KINGSLEY GIVES UP PASTORATE

Rev. Charles Kingsley who has served as pastor of Providence Presbyterian church, this county, for seven years and for more than eight years previous to that holding the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Pineville has accepted a call from Cherokee Presbytery, embracing several counties in North Georgia, and will leave next week for his new home in Florida.

SQUEEZED ARM OF FIANCEE, KILLED

Malina, P. I., Oct. 15.—(By Mail)—Because Moro Mahaludin squeezed the arm of his fiancée, Moro Jumalia, an act believed by the Moros to be forbidden by the Koran, Mohammedan sacred scripture, Salahudin, brother of the girl, started out with his bolo to avenge the alleged insult, and when he had finished his work, Mahaludin and three of his relatives were dead.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE OF ARBUCKLE ARGUED

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Arguments and possibly further testimony were on the schedule for today's sessions of the Rosie C. Arbuckle manslaughter case. When the prosecution closed its rebuttal testimony yesterday, it reserved the right to bring in a small amount of additional testimony, if that seemed desirable, as a final effort to link the comedian with the death of Virginia Rappe after a party at the Hotel St. Francis last September.

5,000 NEEDLES TRADE WORKERS ON STRIKE

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Five thousand needle trades workers, employed by the Chicago Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association, walked out today because of a new system of piecework pay.

ASHEVILLE MAN ARRESTED

W. L. Bell, white, wanted in Asheville for alleged violation of the prohibition law by transporting liquor for sale, was arrested here Wednesday night by detectives of the Charlotte police force. He is being held to await the arrival of an officer to take him back to Asheville. The man is said to have fled from Asheville in spite of a bond of \$1,000 given for his appearance in order to answer the charge against him.

PLAN MERGER IN STEEL BUSINESS

Seven Independents Plan to Merge Into Second Largest Company.

New York, Dec. 1.—Reports that a merger of seven or more of the independent steel companies is contemplated were confirmed in the financial district today. The proposed consolidation will take in all the leading producers and manufacturers except the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, of Pittsburgh. The capitalization of the various companies concerned, the proposals are estimated at approximately \$500,000,000, and their products cover almost every branch of the steel and iron industry.

UNDRESS PARADE IS STAGED AS PROTEST

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1.—Three men from the Doukhobor, or Russian non-conformist settlement near Nelson, B. C., discarded all their clothing in a waiting room at the Canadian Pacific Railway station here yesterday and paced off a protesting war dance when they were refused admittance to the United States. They were later arrested by Vancouver police for disorderly conduct.

SIX ARE KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Portland, Ore., Dec. 1.—Six persons were killed in a head-on collision early today between the eastbound Oregon-Spokane limited and west-bound Oregon-Washington limited trains of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, two miles east of Celilo.

ESCAPED MURDERER IS CAPTURED HERE

Fate played a cruel trick on Ed Williams, negro murdered, wanted in Nashville, Tenn., when it directed him to Charlotte and into the jurisdiction of Detectives Dan Brady and Mack Riley of the Charlotte police force. Williams had served five years of 35-year sentence in the Tennessee penitentiary for murder when he escaped a year or two ago. He has long been sought by the Tennessee authorities but without success.

BODY OF YOUNG GIRL IS FOUND

Chicago, Dec. 1.—After an all-night search for Margaret Coughlin, three years old, her dismembered body was found today in a wash boiler in the home of Mrs. Ralph Pensis, 52, a neighbor. Shortly afterward, the body of Mrs. Pensis, her throat slashed with a butcher knife, was found on the second floor of the Pensis cottage. Police immediately began a search for Ralph Pensis, the woman's husband.

DEATHS—FUNERALS

Gastonia, Dec. 1.—Funeral services over the remains of the late W. C. Abernethy, who passed away Sunday, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church of which he was a member for a large number of years. A large number of relatives and friends gathered to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. Mr. Abernethy was a Confederate veteran and for a long time sheriff of Gaston county and tax collector before he died.

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London, Dec. 1.—Abdul Bahai Abbas, leader of the Bahai movement, died at Haifa, Syria, Monday, according to a dispatch to The London Times.

GEORGE W. WILLIAMSON

Following an illness of more than a year George W. Williamson, 80, prominent planter of the Paw Creek section of the county, died at his home in Paw Creek early Thursday morning. The funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. H. C. Rowan at Paw Creek church of which Mr. Williamson was a strong member.

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