

SOUTH MOUNTAIN FIGHT BEING PROBED

Morganton, Feb. 10.—The preliminary hearing in the shooting affair in Burke county Sunday was held today. Alf Mull was remanded to jail on three counts without bail and the case against Toole and Tom Mull were continued until Friday. Pink Britton, it developed at the trial, was in the first fight Sunday and is now in bed as a result of serious wounds.

Morganton, Feb. 10.—Solicitor Huffman continued his investigation today of the bloody fight on the Laurel road section of Burke county Sunday afternoon in which one man was killed, another probably fatally injured and several others cut and bruised with axes, guns and knives as a result of a feud in which family relations, land boundaries and had South Mountain liquor were mixed. The dead man is Lenix Mull. Andrew Lavefer, reported as critical in a local hospital passed a comparatively good night and he has a chance to recover unless complications develop.

Andrew Lavefer was terribly cut up with an axe and his ribs mashed in. Mack Lavefer, Tom Mull, Alf Mull and Toole Mull are suffering from cuts and bruises. About six persons were in the main fight, which started in the hills, and one bystander was injured.

As nearly as the facts can be obtained and put together at present it seems that trouble between the Lavefers and Mull families has been growing for some time. The Mull family is a veritable legion and for a century or more have lived five or six miles from Morganton, between the town and the South mountains. The Lavefers are neighbors. Mack Lavefer and his son Andrew were employees at the state hospital, the latter the truck driver for the institution. Tom Mull married a daughter of Mack Lavefer and about a year ago Lenix Mull and another daughter of Mack Lavefer were reported on the way to Marion to get married, but the father had them intercepted and prevented the marriage. It is also said that bad feeling had been engendered between Mack Lavefer and the Mulls on account of some disputes over land boundaries.

Sunday afternoon Mack Lavefer and his son, Andrew Lavefer went to the home of Mike Branch who lives about four miles from Morganton for some purpose that has not at this time been learned, though the report is that they were on their way to a saw mill they owned in the neighborhood. While they were there, the story goes, Alf Mull, Toole Mull and the latter's son Lenoir and Tom Mull came to the Branch home. Soon Toole, Lenoir and Tom Mull were in an argument with the younger Lavefers that led to a fight. There is evidence it is said that the Mulls were drinking, but whether the Lavefers were or not has not yet been brought out.

In a three-to-one fight Lavefer was soon wounded, an axe being one of the implements used against him, it is alleged. He was beaten and cut dangerously. Mack Lavefer attempted to take his son's part but Alf Mull engaged him in a fight and soon had him down. As soon as he had recovered sufficiently to try to get away from the scene it is said that Mack Lavefer, supporting and helping his son, whose wounds were very serious, started for home. They had gone about 300 yards from the Branch place, when the younger Lavefer gave completely out and the father could get no further with him. They were resting by the roadside trying to regain strength to go on when all four of the Mulls who had been fighting with them at Branch's reappearance armed, it is alleged with a pistol, a shotgun and an axe. It is said when they reached their enemies that Alf Mull was stirred with pity at the terrible suffering of Andrew Lavefer and commanded Lenoir to leave him alone, remarking it is that he was nearly dead anyway.

At this Lenoir wheeled upon his kinman with a knife and as he did so Alf Mull shot the pistol he was carrying straight into the forehead of Lenoir and killed him on the spot. Enraged at the death of the son and brother, Toole and Tom Mull went for the time their enemies for a few minutes previous and both turned on Alf breaking a shotgun over his head and otherwise beating and cutting him. When it was over a terrible fight greeted the eyes of the neighbors who finally ventured close enough to see what was happening.

SOLDIERS GUARD LEXINGTON STREETS

By The Associated Press
Lexington, Ky., Feb. 10.—Dawn today found Lexington an armed camp. Former soldiers who saw service at Chateau Thierry were patrolling the streets or guarding approaches to the city to prevent a recurrence of yesterday's mob violence which resulted in five deaths and a score of injuries.

William Lockett, negro slayer of 10-year-old Geneva Hartman, was confined in a steel cell of the Fayette county court house awaiting removal to the reformatory at Frankfort or the state prison. No attempt will be made to remove him until the situation becomes quieter.

There is no influenza at Lenoir College. We purpose to take every precaution to keep it out. The following regulations are being enforced:

1. The students are not allowed to leave the campus.
2. Should it become necessary for a student living up town to go home he must, upon his return, bring a physician's certificate stating that he has not been exposed at any time during the preceding four days, and he must return by private conveyance. Should he return by public conveyance he will have to submit to a quarantine for four days.
3. Students living in town who are taking regular class room work, have been required either to remain out of college for the period of quarantine or to take up residence in one of the boarding halls at the college.
4. Social students living in town who are taking private lessons in music, elocution, etc., may continue such private lessons upon condition that they go immediately to the studio by private entrance when disengaged, and leave the campus immediately by the same way. These students are not permitted to enter the campus, pass through the corridors, or be in any way connected with the students about the college.

The state authorities are helping the college responsible in this matter and the above regulations will be strictly enforced.

JOHN C. PEERY.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS AT LENOIR COLLEGE

By The Associated Press
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SUPPORT BERLIN TREATY IS AGAIN SHELVED BY SENATE

By The Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 10.—The peace treaty was back in the hands of the foreign relations committee today and it probably will not be returned to the senate before another week.

The committee was expected to act today on the instructions of the senate to report the treaty out with reservations drafted by the Republicans at the last session of congress. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader, plans, however, to defer further consideration of the treaty pending consideration of appropriation bills and the tariff.

When the treaty comes back to the senate with reservations Republican leaders are prepared to propose reservations similar to those drawn up at the bi-partizan conferences. This would open a chance for compromise, it is pointed out, although it is considered that there is little hope of action soon.

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By The Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 10.—It was generally believed here that Director General Hines would go before the representatives of the 3,000,000 railway workers today and inform them that their demands for increased wages could not be granted.

He is willing to go no farther, it is understood, than to adjust alleged inequalities in wages. The employees represented are expected to come forward with a new proposition for settlement of their case, but none of them are stating what the plans are.

The director general, it is understood, holds to the opinion that it would be inadvisable for the railroad administration to order a general increase in view of their return to their owners in less than three weeks. He is also said to believe that higher freight and passenger rates would inevitably follow increased wages.

HINES TO REFUSE INCREASED WAGES

By The Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 10.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims was the only witness called today before the senate sub-committee investigating naval awards.

His testimony probably will conclude the hearing, as Secretary Daniels has announced he would not care to come before the committee to answer new charges Admiral Sims might make.

Reading from a prepared statement Admiral Sims said:

"First, I want to again emphasize in the most emphatic manner possible that there had been and is nothing whatever in a personal nature of the criticisms I have made. I have been honored and commended by the secretary of the navy and I have at no time had any reason to regard this question of awards from that of a navy officer who feels it his duty to protest. His protest was again—"

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FLOODS OF PARIS PROVED DISASTROUS

Paris, Jan. 22.—The floods of 1919 were a disaster almost equal to those of 1910 for the riverside suburbs of Paris. Houses on the banks of the Seine and Marne in vicinity of Paris are built in the middle of walled garden the sudden rise of 15 feet had effect of imprisoning the occupants for a week. Ordinary row-boats could not pass through the garden gates, so some beleaguered householders were provisioned by canoe, but in many instances the current was too strong for these frail craft. The householders were half starved and were only relieved by the subsidence of the waters.

The worst sufferers were the inhabitants of Maisons-Alfort and Afortville, suburbs situated at the confluence of the Seine and Marne just above Paris. The ground there lies low and gets the benefit of the floods from both rivers. Most of the houses were flooded up to the second story and more than 5,000 inhabitants were taken in boats from the upper windows. They were provided with rough accommodations in the school-houses and other public buildings of suburbs less affected by the flood. Soldiers and bluejackets brought up from Brest, Rochefort and Lorient with collapsible boats rescued them and their belongings.

CATAWBA STUDENTS HAVE SECOND SMOKE

Chapel Hill, Feb. 10.—Friday night the Catawba county boys at the university held their second feed and smoker. Twenty-five young men and one young lady were present and a gala evening was spent.

Speeches, mostly extemporaneous, all dealing directly with Catawba county and its needs and possibilities, but chiefly with its female representatives and innamcs, were made. Each speaker many hearty laughs. Humer was the ultimate keynote of the occasion, serving as sort of diversion from the usual routine of class work.

In the absence of President Herbert Fritz, Mr. Walter Feimster of Newton acted as toastmaster, exacting speeches from practically all of the men, and an excellent recitation from Miss Irene Sherrill of Newton, J. C. Hefner of Maiden, Mr. Bailey Battick of Hickory, Mr. Paul Yoder, Mr. Ewart W. G. Huffman, Mr. Jim Keever, Stewart Whitener, Elwood Mitchell, Mr. Thomas Henderson and others.

This is the second meeting of its kind. The first was held during the fall session of the university. Another one is scheduled for the concluding scholastic term.

Candies, cigarettes, oranges, bananas, grape juice, cakes and ice cream were served.

DEMOCRATS ARE AGAINST IT STRONG

By The Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 10.—Democrats of the house were on record as opposed to universal military training despite an appeal from President Wilson that they refrain from declaring themselves on the question until the Democratic national convention in June.

The action was taken at the party caucus last night when the house Democrats came out 106 to 17 against any measure of compulsory military training.

Explaining their action at the caucus several Democrats declared that they knew the sentiment of the country on military training better than the president or leaders.

PUTTING ON STEAM IN NEWBERRY TRIAL

By The Associated Press
Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 10.—Frank C. Daly, special attorney general, continued questioning witnesses in the trial of United States Senator Truman H. Newberry and 121 defendants charged with corruption and fraud in the election in 1918.

Indications were that the government attorney was making an effort to speed up the proceedings, a large number of witnesses having been examined yesterday than on any previous day.

ADMIRAL JELICIC OF BRITISH ROYAL NAVY

By The Associated Press
Constantinople, Feb. 10.—Anarchy prevails in Odessa recently captured by the bolsheviks, according to advices received here. Cable communication between here and Odessa is suspended. Three thousand refugees have arrived here.



Latest photo of Admiral Jellicoe in full naval uniform and wearing his many service bars, taken on his visit to the United States.

CENSUS COMPLETED IN HICKORY MONDAY

By The Associated Press
Mr. F. A. Clinard has completed the enumeration of the people of Hickory, for which he is more than thankful. He walked something more than 594 miles he said, and it was the toughest job ever wisened on a man. He began early in January, covered the entire city alone, and learned a whole lot that he had never known before. Mr. Clinard thinks he has practically every resident of Hickory, but in case he missed any person he is desirous of putting a ham on his list. A postal card or letter will get results if your name has been omitted.

NURSERY BUYS LAND NEAR SPINNING MILL

The Howard-Hickory Company has purchased the Whisnant place of 17 acres in front of the Hickory Spinning Company for the purpose of locating its ornamental shrubs, plants, trees, flowers, etc., where they will be observed from the railroad. The price paid was \$7,500.

The company will acquire other land as needed and M. O. Joe Howard, who has returned to Greensboro, will spend part of his time here until his contract with the Van Linder Company ends, when he will move here permanently. Mr. Howard already has made arrangements for business here this spring and summer and he will devote much of his time to landscape gardening. The nursery company will be in position to serve a large territory in everything in its line.

ANOTHER BIG SNOW FALLS IN NEW YORK

By The Associated Press
New York, Feb. 10.—Another snow storm hit New York today with all but a few of the principal streets blocked by drifts. There was a prospect that the snow would turn into rain, but after ten minutes it was falling rapidly.

An army of 14,000 men has been working day and night since Wednesday, but little progress has been made.

VALENTINE DINNER FOR OTEEN SOLDIERS

The sick soldiers in ward I-5 are going to have a valentine dinner on the 14th. The ladies of the Hickory Y. W. C. are attending to this little function that will bring some cheer to these poor sufferers from the world war.

Donations of cake, candy, boiled ham and fresh eggs, as well as money to buy the ice cream which will be served, will be gratefully received by Mrs. K. C. Menzie at her home, or, if more convenient, they can be left at Whitener and Martin's store. All contributions must be turned in by noon Friday of this week.

DEATH OF MR. HOKE

Mr. Thomas M. Hoke, a well known farmer who lives near Catawba Springs, died this morning at the age of 61 years. The funeral will be held at St. Peters church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Hoke, who was a good citizen is survived by his wife and several children.

Mrs. W. R. Gweltney has returned from a visit to Spartanburg, S. C.

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Markets

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New York, Feb. 10.—The cotton market was unsettled again early today. Liverpool was relatively firm, but there was selling on the threatened railroad troubles and the weak opening of the stock market, while here also appeared to be a feeling that the freer southern selling here yesterday might fore-shadow easier spot markets. The opening was two to ten points lower and active months sold 29 to 39 points below last night's closing figures.	
PRODUCE	
Hens and roasters per lb.	24c
Old Roosters, per lb.	12c
Country butter, per lb.	40c
Creamery butter, per lb.	68c
Pork (125 to 275), per lb.	18c
Pork (under 125 and over 275) per lb.	17c
GRAIN	
(Corrected daily by Horseford Milling Company)	
Wheat	\$2.75
Corn per bu.	\$1.90
Oats, per bu.	\$1.00
Rye, per bu.	\$1.90
Compeas	\$4.50
Weather	
For North Carolina: Probably local rains tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight in extreme west portion, gentle west winds.	