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STOCKADE IS DESCRIBED ON WILLIAMS PLANTATION

Federal Agents Tell Georgia Court of Conditions on Farm Where Eleven Negroes Are Said to Have Been Killed to Hide Peonage Cases

By the Associated Press.
Covington, Ga., April 6.—The "stockade" on the Jasper county plantation of John S. Williams where the state alleges negro farm hands kept in peonage were locked up at night, was described by department of justice officials in the trial here today against Williams on the charge of murdering a negro.

Geo. W. Brown and A. G. Whinnant, the first two witnesses for the state, told the jury that when they went to the Williams place February 23 last they found a red house 30 or 40 feet long and about 25 feet wide, with wooden shutters that could be barred on the inside and doors that had holes cut in them for locks and chains.

Inside one of the two rooms to the house, Brown said, were bunks along the walls, while in the other was a cot. There were evidences that cooking was done in the house. The court overruled all a motion by the defense to rule out all testimony of peonage. The officers were investigating reports of peonage and the report of Clyde Manning that he and another negro killed 11 negroes to hide peonage cases.

John S. Williams told Brown he might have violated the peonage laws but that he did it "unintentionally," Brown said in court.

Leroy Williams, one of the sons of the defendant, was carrying a pistol the day the federal investigators went to the farm, they said. Efforts were made to have testimony that Leroy Williams killed a negro ruled out were denied.

Clyde Manning followed the federal agents on the stand and was told by the court he would not have to answer any questions that might incriminate him. The court offered to advise him whenever he asked and E. Marvin Underwood, retained by citizens to represent the negro, also would aid him.

The state took up some time in gaining from him the name of all Williams' children and names of all negroes on the farms of Williams and his sons.

Describing the death of Lindsey Peterson, Manning declared Peterson a white-headed Hawaiian senator and pastor spoke a solemn benediction, and sixty-four men and women, once lepers, filed between the lava pillars of Kahlili gates to freedom, back to a world from which they had been ousted, back to the homes which some at least had believed they never would see again.

Science had won another great battle with the scourge of the ages. The sixty-four patients who were released on parole the other day from the Kahlili hospital after treatment with refined chaulmoogra oil, constituted the third division so returned to their homes. In all 142 have been paroled during the past two years and not a single one has been sent back owing to recurrence of the disease.

Officially the institution is known as Kahlili hospital, but its inmates call it by another name, a strange name, unless one has seen the cheerful born of hope that pervades the air there. It is "Mount Happy."

On the day the sixty and four were paroled friends and relatives gathered from far and near in the islands to greet those who came out of the vale of shadow. Behind a hedge stood one group of smiling inmates, behind a frail wire fence another happy group. One group was to go back to the world, the other was to remain for further treatment.

Still another group, and larger, was gathered on the other side of the wire fence; they were the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and friends of the paroled patients.

The clear voice of a Hawaiian woman started singing the doxology, others swelled the volume, and, to the accompaniment of rustling palms, and the hum of warm trade wind in the trees the air of thankfulness and praise carried through to its last grand note.

Stephen Desha minister of the Gospel and territorial senator, more than six feet in height, staid and white-headed, pronounced a benediction in the Hawaiian tongue.

The sixty-four turned to the right and marched cut between the lava pillars of the big gate to the arms of their waiting relatives and friends.

HERRICK ACCEPTS OLD APPOINTMENT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 6.—Myron T. Herrick has decided to accept appointment as American ambassador to France, a post he filled under President Taft and which he occupied at the beginning of the world war. Mr. Herrick's nomination will be made soon.

Mr. Herrick, it is understood, was offered the post some time ago by President Harding, but his friends say he was reluctant to accept it because he felt he should devote the remainder of his life to personal affairs.

Since he left the diplomatic service Mr. Herrick has sustained personal misfortunes, which included the death of his wife and a grandson and more recently was ill himself and went to the Hawaiian islands in search of health. The principal trouble was an infection in one of his eyes, which however, has been restored. Mr. Herrick has engaged in business.

SCIENCE SCORES AGAIN, GOD PRAISED

By the Associated Press.
Honolulu, T. H., March 12.—"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

In simple grandeur the notes and words of the old doxology arose from half a thousand throats; a stalwart, white-headed Hawaiian senator and pastor spoke a solemn benediction, and sixty-four men and women, once lepers, filed between the lava pillars of Kahlili gates to freedom, back to a world from which they had been ousted, back to the homes which some at least had believed they never would see again.

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VINSON GETS MARRIED

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 6.—Representative Carl Vinson of the tenth Georgia district and Mrs. Mary Green McGregor of New Philadelphia, Ohio, were united in marriage here today at the Pottery Methodist church. Rev. Herbert F. Randolph officiating.

"Big Three" Busy on German Reparations Demands



● Marshal Foch, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand at an informal week-end conference at Chequers in Buckinghamshire, presented to the nation by Baron Lee of Fareham as a place of rest for British premiers forever.

URGES LEGISLATION TO ABOLISH LASH

By the Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., April 6.—Resolutions declaring that flogging of prisoners in convict camps is responsible in a contributory sense for the commission of murder in Jasper county were adopted by the Atlanta humane society in its monthly meeting last night. The resolutions called upon Governor Dorsey to incorporate in his next message to the legislature recommendation of a law to abolish whipping in penal institutions.

HUGHES WRITES ON MANDATE QUESTION

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 6.—New notes on the subject of mandates have been sent by the American government to the governments of Japan, Great Britain, France and Italy. The notes are understood to be similar, but the occasion for preparing them is said to be the receipt of Japan's reply to the original note protesting against German Islands in the Pacific, north of the equator.

WAKE FARMERS ASK BIG REDUCTION

Raleigh, April 6.—Wake county farmers stormed the county commissioners here yesterday asking for a horizontal reduction of fifty per cent in assessed land valuation, but action was deferred. J. W. Bailey made the principal speech for the farmers, pointing out the discriminations which he said existed all over the state by reason of revaluation and deflated land values. The commissioner will likely authorize a reduction but they wish to give more consideration to it before taking final action.

Board of directors of the state school for the Blind met with Governor Morrison and Morrison for the first time under the Morrison administration yesterday. The usual work of a state institution, that of having to find a way of doing something that costs money for less money than it will cost and with none on hand. The governor is insisting that every member of the board shall interest himself in the institution and he hopes to see the new building completed.

Governor Morrison has accepted an invitation to address the North Carolina eucalyptus society which meets at Pinehurst on Monday, April 25. The governor will speak Tuesday night this date having been fixed by the society's secretary, Dr. T. B. McBreyer who is in the city this week completing arrangements for the four day meeting.

ANTI-BLUE LAW LEAGUE GETS CHARTER

By the Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 6.—The granting of a Delaware charter to the anti blue law league of America, Inc., was announced here today by the incorporators of the resolution, all residents of Pittsburgh.

A. R. Smith, Pittsburgh attorney, and one of the incorporators, said that the league was formed in response to a nation-wide demand.

He added that the organization opposed a wide-open Sunday and rest, recreation and religion. The league will resist the adoption of anti-light laws, he said.

FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS IN STATE

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)
Raleigh, April 6.—Establishment of free employment bureaus in all of the larger cities for the state is being urged upon mayors and city and county authorities by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman, who is also director of Federal employment service in North Carolina.

Commissioner Shipman points out that all classes of employees and employers will be served through the bureaus, the need for which was never more apparent than at this time. The highest efficiency can only be reached, he thinks, through city, county, state and federal cooperation.

Local authorities are invited to join with the state and federal governments in establishing a system of employment in North Carolina that will be second to no other.

Following a recent trip to Washington where Commissioner Shipman conferred with the federal employment director he was assured that the present arrangement of maintaining a supervising office in Raleigh is being managed by Commissioner Shipman at a dollar per year. Communities wishing to obtain an employment bureau may do so upon the following cooperative basis:

Equipment, a city quarters and the franking privilege to be furnished by the government, salary of the local superintendent, not in excess of \$125 per month to be borne by the state, stenographer and telephone costs to be supplied by the local authorities, city and county.

Commissioner Shipman has sent letters to city and county officials and there is a probability that several bureaus will again be opened in the state where applications for employment may be filed. At the present time there is a surplus of labor in all lines of work in North Carolina.

The allies owe us a debt of gratitude, too, but we'll probably collect that.—Syracuse Herald.

Holding German cities will give the allies excellent practice for their ultimate task of holding the bag.—Baltimore Sun.

May-----11.50
June-----12.05
July-----12.58
August-----12.94
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November-----13.00
December-----13.32
January-----13.32

HUGE INDUSTRIAL STRIKE IN BRITAIN AVERTED NOW

Lloyd George Gets Miners and Mine Owners to Agree to Conference and Railroad and Transport Workers Won't Leave Jobs — Mines Going to Ruin

READY TO REPORT ON SICK SOLDIERS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 6.—Three definite recommendations to President Harding had been agreed upon today by the special commission investigating the care and treatment of sick and disabled soldiers.

They were a central government agency to have control, a decentralized administration of service carrying federal aid as near as possible to the homes of soldiers throughout the country and a request for additional hospitals throughout the country, including hospitals in all parts of the country.

Cha. G. Dawes of Chicago, chairman of the commission, said he would be greatly disappointed if the hearings are not concluded today. He said he expected to make his report tonight.

LACY WILL FEEL BOND MARKET PULSE

Raleigh, April 6.—Reports of the weekly meeting of the council of state with the governor made it certain that the state treasurer would journey to New York within the next several days to feel the financial pulse of that great city.

This decision to send the treasurer after money is to begin work on the 5,500 miles of hard surfaced highways the state is expecting and to build dormitories, mess halls and classroom buildings at the various educational institutions which are charges of Tarheelia. The charitable schools also must be looked after.

Whether money is to be obtained on short term notes or whether bonds are to be sold, or whether the building is to be delayed depends entirely upon the money market. Governor Morrison has insisted that five per cent money should be found and unless the treasurer is able to find it there is every reason to believe that the council of state will mark time until the market opens up somewhat.

Governor Morrison may make a trip to New York himself, it is learned, for the purpose of learning whether the money can be obtained. The governor's investigation trip will be of the nature of semi-official business but as head of the state government he will become acquainted with the financial situation.

PLACED ON TRIAL FOR MOB VIOLENCE

By the Associated Press.
South Boston, Va., April 6.—Fifteen white men charged with mob disorders in the town of Houston following the murder of William Hickman on the night of March 11, an attempt having been made to lynch William Coleman, a negro.

After Coleman was arrested and landed in jail a mob formed and attempted to get him. Coleman said he dodged bullets by running from one cell to another. He declared he was at a dance at the time of the murder and added that he could prove an alibi.

LOCKOUT DECLARED IN TURIN PLANTS

By the Associated Press.
London, April 6.—A lockout has been declared by the factory owners of Turin, an important Italian industrial center, says a Central News dispatch from Rome.

REAGAN GETS SUPPORT MINERS

By the Associated Press.
London, April 6.—The executive body of the miners' union this afternoon accepted the government's proposal that the miners' delegates meet representatives of the owners with a view to settling the strike.

The miners' association comprising the owners of mines has agreed to the conference.

The great coal industry already is at a standstill with many mines falling into ruin and great steel plants idle.

SHOULD FURNISH AID TO SELL CROPS

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 6.—The department of agriculture should extend the same aid to farmers in marketing their crops as it does in producing their crops, Secretary Wallace declared today before the farmers grain marketing committee of 17. Study of improved marketing methods as well as of conditions, the farmer should understand to produce intelligently and adjust his production to the needs of consumption, the secretary said are "proper functions of the department."

"A plentiful supply of food at prices which are just to both consumer and producer is vital to our national welfare," he continued, "and it is a proper function of government."

PITT COUNTY GIRL ENDS OWN LIFE

By the Associated Press.
Greenville, N. C., April 6.—Miss Neta Harris, who had been teaching school at House Station, near here, for the past several months committed suicide by hanging herself from the limb of a tree yesterday, the body having been found about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon. Ill health is believed to be the cause.