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**WEATHER**  
 Probably rain tonight and Saturday; somewhat colder; moderate variable winds.

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## DEFENCE REST CASE IN O. G. THOMAS TRIAL

**Proves by Many Witnesses Statements Made by Defendant and Mrs. Lowe—State Comes Back to Show That Thomas Knew Man He Killed—Mrs. Thomas on Stand**

By the Associated Press.  
 Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 20.—The defence today in the trial of O. G. Thomas for the murder of Arthur J. Allen in Kannapolis on the night of October 25 continued to present corroborative testimony, a number of witnesses having been recalled before the noon recess.

Robert Lowe of Kannapolis and W. W. Swank, W. G. Caswell and W. J. Cline of Concord testified that about 8 o'clock on the night of January 8, Mrs. Matress of defence counsel had taken them to the place where the tragedy occurred; that two men had walked up beside their car in the darkness and it was impossible to distinguish who they were until flashlight was turned on them, although both men were well known to the witness.

W. J. Cline of Kannapolis, proprietor of the Cline boarding house, corroborated other witnesses as to the time when Thomas and Mrs. Lowe left his home on the night of the killing and said that they had instructed him to go along. He also testified that the reputations of both Thomas and Mrs. Lowe were good.

Mr. Carrie Kimball of Concord testified she got on the stand by the defence and testified that she had seen the defendant on the night of the killing and when he left them. Her testimony corroborated that given by Cline in each detail.

On cross-examination by the state the witness admitted she had been arrested in Concord on a charge of conspiracy, but denied that improper relations existed between herself and Mangum.

Mrs. O. G. Thomas, wife of the defendant, took the stand and testified of the friendly relations between herself and husband and the Lowe family. It was necessary to procure medical attention for her before she could testify.

The defence rested at 11:17 o'clock after four days of testimony.

The state put on two rebuttal witnesses before the noon recess, Frank Brooks and Morris Surratt. Brooks testified he was standing in the drug store when Thomas came in after the shooting and told F. H. Cline he had been held up, and shot at the man three times. Thomas and Cline then went to the rear of the store and a few minutes came back to the drug store.

When the witness asked Cline later who was the man who was shot, he testified that it was Allen, the plumber.

Surratt testified he saw the Thomas car drive away after the shooting and neither of the headlights was dimmer than the other, as was testified to by Thomas.

## KIWANIANS GIVE PROGRAM FOR LADIES

The wives, mothers, sweethearts and sisters of the Hickory Kiwanians and a number of Rotarians and their wives were guests last night at a dinner at the Huffy Hotel when the Hickory Kiwanian club observed ladies' night and pulled off some special stunts for the benefit of the visitors. About 150 club members and guests were present.

Dick Shuford was in charge of the program and from start to finish there was nothing lacking in the way of entertainment. Lively music was furnished by the Hickory Orchestra and interspersed with this was some lusty singing of the Kiwanian songs lead by Will Weaver and Connelly Gamble. Kiwanian Keweenaw, words and music by Carol Van Herwie, were a feature of the evening. The verses were dedicated to those members of the club whose names figured with something or to those who had done something worthy of song and verse. The last verse of this little entry was dedicated to those whose names wouldn't rhyme with anything nor do a thing of which to sing. The Kiwanian quartette, Will Weaver, Jessie Warlick, Connelly Gamble and John Stephens, favored the guests by singing the first half of the verses, the last half being omitted as a time saver. A Kiwanian cup was presented to each Kiwanian and their guests as they entered the dining room and beside each plate were found serpentine, whistles, noisy balloons and other articles to boost the spirit of the evening. Silent bouquets were given by Red Miller and were calendars for the years 1921, '22 and '23. A splendid large course dinner was served and smokes were passed around for the men.

The only disappointment of the evening was when Chairman Dick Shuford announced that the club had with them one of the real big men in Kiwanian who would speak to them. Every one was ready to give their best attention when Mon Alfred of Forest Park arose. The noise was too great for speech making.

It was announced that the president of the Rotary Club, Col. Watt Shuford, was present and he was given the privilege to make a speech but merely arose, made a graceful bow, and waived a few kisses to the audience, for the benefit of the ladies. It is supposed.

The club attendance prize was drawn by R. W. Carver and the first prize, a handsome box of stationery was drawn by Miss Mabel E. Merritt of Raleigh, guest of Mrs. S. H. Farabee.

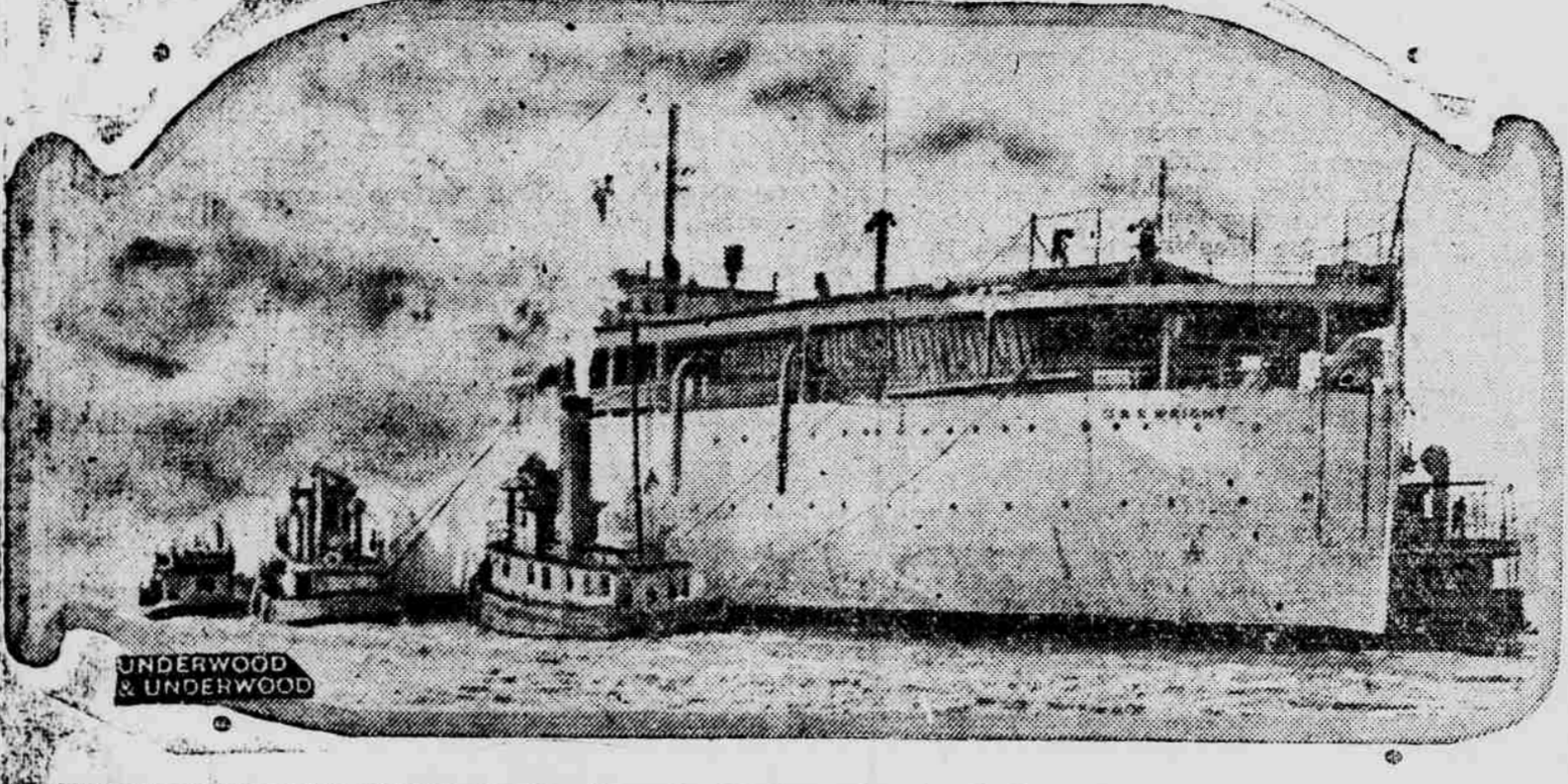
Gus Sell, one of the club's best speakers told why the Kiwanians invited their wives to the meeting. They wanted to prove to the women that there was Kiwanian club meetings every now and then which the men must attend.

After dinner the house lights were turned out and the program leader announced that some interesting views of Western North Carolina would be flashed upon a screen. Some stereoscopic slides showed the Kiwanian members in their handsome or otherwise, youth and at times there was some lively guessing as to who was who. The entertainment committee and the wives of the members planned the pictures as a surprise but it is a poor rule that doesn't work both ways and the committee and their co-conspirators also experienced a great surprise when their own photos were flashed on the screen.

It seemed that a number of articles were dropped in the rush last night just before dinner and the chairman, getting wind of this, asked those who had found anything to please get up and tell about it. Mrs. Alf Moretz was the first to speak and read a love letter in which Charley Bagby poured out his overwrought feelings to Frankie a long time ago when they were courting. Mrs. Hilda Buchanan had also found something and she read some interesting verses that Hazel Aiken had indited to Mary Pearl about 1916. There was doubt as to the authenticity of the verses as it is well known about town that Hazel can't make anything rhyme.

The last speaker on the program was Joe Murphy and he was given one minute and a half in which to make a speech and present a bouquet.

## Our New Balloon and Airplane Carrying Ship



This is the steamship Wright, running down the Hudson river for final tests, just before being taken to the navy yard for official transfer to the United States. The Wright was built for transport service, but was converted into a balloon ship and plane carrier. Six masts have been built in for the stowage and inflation of six kite balloons. The vessel is equipped with a hydrogen gas generating plant, and has complete repair plants for balloons and planes.

## LOST GREAT SUM IN FAILURE TO ACT

By the Associated Press.  
 Florence, Ala., Jan. 20.—Charge that the federal government has lost practically \$1,500,000 in the past six months by not accepting Henry Ford's offer to lease the dam and nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals was made here today to southern group members of the American farm bureau by Gray Silver, their Washington representative.

"Mr. Ford's offer," Mr. Silver said, "was made to Secretary Weeks on July last and will be translated in its last form, according to the secretary, some time next week."

"In addition to Mr. Ford's offer, several other offers have been made," Mr. Silver said, "but the delay in laying the Ford offer before congress has caused modifications in other plans."

"Mr. Ford's offer has been published to the world for months and Mr. Weeks has delayed sending it to congress, thereby encouraging others to revise their bids."

"In Mr. Ford's offer, declared Mr. Silver, 'the farmers see their first opportunity to receive these high grade plant foods which sciences have said they so badly need.'"

Mr. Silver declared that when Mr. Ford tells the farmers he can make at Muscle Shoals cheap high grade fertilizer they can take his word at 100 per cent value."

## KOHLOSS IS BUSY WITH LIQUOR VESSEL

By the Associated Press.  
 Washington, Jan. 20.—Federal Prohibition Director Kohloss of North Carolina conferred here today with Federal Prohibition Director Haynes in regard to the British schooner Messenger of Peace held at Wilmington, N. C., as a liquor smuggler.

Disposition of the schooner, Mr. Kohloss said, would await the April term of federal court in North Carolina. Ordinarily, he said, the authorities would have disposed of the ship in 30 days, but because of the international status of the vessel the matter will be settled by the courts.

Meanwhile, he said, the boat is being held under guard by prohibition officers and the liquor found aboard has been stored in warehouses.

Prohibition enforcement conditions in North Carolina are improving rapidly, he said, and the liquor found during the past two months.

"If I had several submarine chasers, Mr. Kohloss said, I could catch more liquor than I would know what to do with."

## PINCH FARMERS, MR. WALLACE ASSERTS

By the Associated Press.  
 Washington, Jan. 20.—Determination to lay before the national agricultural conference next week "the thoroughly selfish and grasping attitude of many different companies which loan money to farmers" was announced here today.

Declaring that many farmers who have never done so before are having to mortgage their lands in order to get necessary money, Secretary Wallace said "it was discouraging to note that many companies and individuals who have been in the habit of lending money are taking advantage of the farmer's circumstances to exact hard conditions."

Farmers, the secretary said, were being compelled to pay 6, 6 1/2 and 7 per cent on ten year loans without optional payment, while commissions were being added. The secretary said many companies were cutting down the loans to the lowest possible point to the acre, thus restricting loans when the farmer needs them the most.

Mr. Wallace declared that no one could find any complaint at such restrictions in value on farms and no one should object to a fair rate of interest, but he added that "in this time of stress one finds it necessary to censor his own words when he follows the practices of too many companies and individuals engaged in the farm mortgage business."

## PERSHING URGES RETENTION OF BRAGG

By the Associated Press.  
 Washington, Jan. 20.—Abandonment of Camp Bragg, N. C., an artillery training center and transfer of artillery training to Camp Denning, Ga., was opposed before the house military committee today by General Pershing.

General Pershing giving his views on the suggestion that the camp be moved, said he had recommended that the camp be retained and that not a dollar would be saved by moving the camp to Denning.

## WILMINGTON MAN WILL REVISE OFFER

By the Associated Press.  
 Washington, Jan. 20.—Frederick Ingstrum, president of the Newport Shipbuilding Company of Wilmington, N. C., returned here today to submit modification of his offer for the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant to Secretary Weeks.

The modification will affect chiefly the clauses of his original plan respecting nitrates and fertilizers, Ingstrum said.

Before submitting the revised plans to the war secretary, Mr. Ingstrum and his engineer said they would seek information now in the hands of Major Bea Veach, chief of army engineers. That data would be exhausted thoroughly before the alterations are made.

## SCORES DANCES IN HOTELS OF BOSTON

By the Associated Press.  
 Boston, Jan. 20.—Dancing in several of Boston's best hotels and cafes was characterized as "suggestive, vulgar and immoral" by four policemen today in testimony before the legislative committee investigating such places.

Representative Mendin declared that what he had observed in one of the best hotels made him ashamed. "I should have had blinders on," he declared.

"Where were the chaperones?" some one remarked.

"They don't have chaperones any more," he replied.

The committee is acting on a proposal to require hotels and cafes to obtain dance licenses the same as dance halls.

## DIFFERENT FROM THE REAL

"Rattlesnake Bill is strangely altered. What's the trouble?"

"Bill says if he had known what was before him when he went into the movies he would have stuck to train robbing and kept his self-respect. In the old days no man ever talked to him the way the director does and lived to tell the tale."

Houston Post.

## MOSLER SAFE MAN DIES IN THE WEST

By the Associated Press.  
 New York, Jan. 20.—Moses Mosler, founder and president of the Mosler Safe Company and a pioneer in the development of modern bank vaults, died suddenly last night at Grand Canyon, Col., according to information received at his offices today. He was born in Cincinnati 71 years ago.

## THE CONSCIENTIOUS BURGLAR

Conscientious Burglar—I regret to say, sir, that I shall have to ask you to take back a hundred of this; a cent more would boost my income into the 8 per cent tax class.—Life.

## POPE BENEDICT NEAR DEATH THIS EVENING

**Head of Catholic Church, Suffering From Pneumonia, Takes Last Sacrament—Many Reports of Illness—People of Rome Gather in St. Peters to Await News**

By the Associated Press.  
 Rome, Jan. 20.—(5:10 p. m.)—The condition of Pope Benedict showed no improvement this evening. Camphor injections are being administered.

**LIVING AT 6 P. M.**

By the Associated Press.  
 Rome, Jan. 20.—(6 p. m.)—The pope at this hour is still showing resistance against the progress of his malady.

**REPORTED SINKING**

By the Associated Press.  
 Paris, Jan. 20.—A paper here received a telegram shortly after noon saying the pope was rapidly sinking.

**IN DYING CONDITION**

By the Associated Press.  
 Rome, Jan. 20.—At 12:30 o'clock today it was stated that Pope Benedict was in a dying condition.

**LAST SACRAMENT**

By the Associated Press.  
 London, Jan. 20.—The last sacrament has been administered to Pope Benedict, says a Central News dispatch from Rome.

When the pope asked for the last sacrament his attendants sought to dissuade him, but he insisted on taking it.

**WORSE THIS MORNING**

By the Associated Press.  
 Rome, Jan. 20.—The pope's condition became aggravated about 11 a. m. Oxygen was administered. Prayers were ordered for his holiness in all Catholic churches here.

The eucharist was solemnly carried to Pope Benedict at 11:30 o'clock and in the presence of 18 cardinals, the holy sacrament was placed in the Holy Palatine chapel. Prayers were said in the Catholic schools. A business at the vatican was suspended. Members of the family have arrived at his bedside.

**PAPERS GIVE NO HOPE**

By the Associated Press.  
 Rome, Jan. 20.—Extra editions of the newspapers offered little hope regarding Pope Benedict's chances for recovery. A great crowd began to gather in St. Peter's cathedral to await news of his condition.

It is now definitely stated that Pope Benedict has pneumonia, according to a Central News dispatch from Rome. His condition is causing considerable alarm.

**SERIOUS EARLY TODAY**

By the Associated Press.  
 Rome, Jan. 20.—The condition of Pope Benedict this morning was described as serious. The inflammation which had been confined to the bronchial tubes has extended to the right lung. The pope's condition, which was described yesterday as not giving reason for alarm, remained stationary during the night, but this morning suddenly took a turn for the worse.

**MAYOR DROPS DEAD**

By the Associated Press.  
 Kansas City, Jan. 20.—Mayor James C. Cowgill, 74 years old, dropped dead of apoplexy in his office today.

The fire department was called out today shortly after one o'clock to the home of Mr. J. C. Frye on Tenth avenue. A chimney was burning out but the flames were extinguished before the truck arrived.

Songs to be rendered at the minstrel show next Thursday night were given and some jokes were cracked that hit the mark.

The Rotarians were shown through the new building and were amazed at its handsome finish and completeness. The new part will be used for patients, laboratory, minor operations, and the like, and the second floor of the old building will be given over to a home for nurses. It was pointed out that no finer home for nurses could be found anywhere than in this hospital. The building is equipped with private wards and bath new beds and all modern equipment. Its arrangement is ideal.

## OFFICERS TO USE SAWED-OFF GUNS

By the Associated Press.  
 San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Sawed off shotguns will be given to all prohibition agents in California under orders given today by Tom Brown, acting for E. Forest Mitchell, prohibition commissioner, now in Los Angeles. The precautions will be taken, Brown explained, because of the attempt to hold up agents with \$75,000 on Wednesday.

**REPORT REFERRED**

By the Associated Press.  
 Washington, Jan. 20.—The report submitted to congress by the international joint commission on the proposed international wayway was referred to by Speaker Gillett today to a waterways committee.