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## McKIN TO RESIST RETURN TO STATE

### Former Mer Rouge Mayor Obtains Writ of Habeas Corpus and Preliminary Arraignment in Baltimore Postponed—Wanted in Louisiana on Murder Charge—Other Developments.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—A writ of habeas corpus for Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, arrested here today on a charge of murder, was granted today.

The writ, which was issued by Chief Judge James B. Gorter in the court, was made returnable immediately.

About the same time Dr. McKoin was arrested for a hearing before Judge Stanleigh in central police court, but at the request of detectives in the case justice adjourned the hearing until January 8. This was in compliance with a telegram from former Mayor of Louisiana asking McKoin be held for 10 days pending the taking out of his papers.

Dr. McKoin was then taken to the office of State's Attorney Leach preliminary to the habeas corpus hearing before Judge Gorter. Upon the return of Attorney Carmen Judge Gorter postponed the habeas corpus hearing until tomorrow.

## ARMOUR AND COMPANY DELAWARE CONCERN

By the Associated Press.  
Dover, Del., Dec. 27.—The certificate for a charter for Armour and Company of Delaware was filed with the secretary of state here today. The company is capitalized at \$100,000,000 and is authorized to deal in all kinds of livestock.

The incorporators named in the certificate are A. M. Hooven, M. A. Bruce and H. M. Anderson, all of Wilmington, Del., identified with the Corporation Trust Company of America, which drew up the incorporation papers.

## FOR JUDICIAL DISTRICT

By the Associated Press.  
Greensboro, Dec. 27.—A special committee appointed by R. B. King, chairman of the Guilford county fair association, is now completing plans for its campaign during the general assembly session for the passage of legislation making Guilford a judicial district within itself.

At present, the county is in the Stokes as the two other counties. Crowded conditions of the docket and resulting delays are being given as the chief reason for the creation of a new district.

## MOTION PICTURE MEN MEET IN GREENSBORO

By the Associated Press.  
Greensboro, Dec. 27.—Motion picture operators of North Carolina will open their fifth convention here tonight. Owners of 240 picture houses will continue their sessions over Thursday.

## PROVIDE SINKING FUND TO REDEEM STATE BONDS

By the Associated Press.  
Tokio, Dec. 27.—One new feature of the budget for the next fiscal year is the revival of the sinking fund for the redemption of state loans, for which 42,000,000 yen will be set apart in the estimates. Most of the sinking fund will be used in buying state and municipal bonds so that the money market may be suitably regulated.

## Score of Republican Senators Oppose Borah Economic Resolution

Washington, Dec. 27.—Administration under the lead of Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee began in the senate today a continued fight against the proposal of Senator Borah to have the president call an international economic disarmament conference.

Senator Lodge, who was said by his associates to have ascertained the views of President Harding and his administration advisers, opened his attack on the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the appropriations bill, requesting the president to call an international economic and disarmament conference.

The Massachusetts senator recounted the difficulties of the Washington conference and declared it would be useless to press for another conference unless it was ascertained that France had changed her attitude.

Part of the group of senate irreconcilables who have voted with Mr. Lodge on foreign questions also joined in opposition, while the Democrats declared a waiting attitude.

ment's proposal for an economics discussion was entirely new and was of "grave importance." He recited that the conduct of foreign affairs was in the hands of the president, and that he would not be bound to accept any advice by the state, although "almost any president would give weight to senatorial advice."

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 27.—More than a score of Republican senators in formal conference today before the senate reconvened, decided to oppose the amendment of Senator Borah to the naval appropriation bill which would request President Harding to call an international economic and disarmament conference.

The conference determined that Senator Poindexter should open the fight on the Borah amendment on the ground that it is general legislation in an appropriation measure. If the point of the order should be overruled, administration leaders said they planned to fight the proposal on its merits and against limitation to limit the economic conference in such a way as to prevent embroilment in the affairs of Europe.

## ROY SETZER HURT IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT

Salisbury, Dec. 27.—Five persons were slightly injured this morning when a swinging door on a freight car sideswiped Southern passenger train No. 137 near Thomasville. Those injured were Mrs. James Faison of Faison, Roy Setzer of Hickory and T. E. Williams of Fitcher, slight cuts on the head; H. P. Swinson and Harry Sparty, both of Charlotte, received slight bruises.

The glass in the window of the passenger coach was smashed.

## MOTOR CARS COST FARMERS IN OATS

By the Associated Press.  
Chicago, Dec. 27.—American farmers are losing approximately \$30,000,000 a year on their oats crop and probably a like amount on their hay crops through the use of automobiles, motor trucks and tractors which have largely supplanted the use of horses in the cities, according to Robert McDougal, president of the Chicago board of trade.

Analysing the effect of motorized hauling on the horse and grain market, Mr. McDougal believes, however, the pendulum is swinging the other way, pointing out that the prices on good draft horses are advancing.

"In 1910, there were 3,500,000 horses in the cities," said Mr. McDougal, "while in 1920 there was a trifle more than half that number. Most city horses are fed upon oats and hay. Oats prices recently averaged 65 cents below wheat prices, whereas before we began using gasoline they averaged 62 cents below wheat. This is a loss of three cents per bushel, which based upon an average crop of one billion bushels nets the farmer a tidy loss.

"There is no doubt the big power tractor has reached the saturation point. In many farming sections high-powered tractors were bought by small size farmers. It was a disastrous venture for many. In the cities, many businesses turned their backs upon the horse for short hauls and frequent stops. Today the farmer is feeding a yard of oats and the horse is coming into his own for short hauls.

"The horse will never come back to his old place in the city but he is going to be sure of an important place in moving several varieties of commodities."

## NEWSPAPER MAN IS ACCUSED OF FRAUD

By the Associated Press.  
Orlando, Fla., Dec. 27.—An indictment has been returned against J. W. Wendler, former editor of the Florida Post, published at Winter Park, charging fraudulent use of the mails in a circulation contest.

Wendler was arrested last summer and bound over to the federal grand jury. The paper has since suspended publication.

## NEGRO MAN HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Charlie Wilfong, a negro 24 years old, has been committed to the jail at Newton to await a preliminary hearing Friday, January 5 before Recorder Russell on the charge of committing a criminal assault on Annie Hart, 15-year-old daughter of Julia Hart, colored. The case was continued yesterday afternoon. The alleged assault occurred last Friday night.

Herbert Campbell, white, was given 16 months on the roads on the charge of drunkenness and forcible trespass, it being alleged that he entered the homes of two Hickory people. He appealed and in default of \$1,000 bond is in the local jail.

## TUDOR STAR MAY BE LOST AT SEA

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Dec. 27.—The French liner Sazoic arriving here today after the roughest voyage in her history, reported the possible loss at sea of the Tudor Star, bound from Seattle to Glasgow. The Tudor Star is operated by the Blue Star line.

## HANNIS TAYLOR, LAW EXPERT, IS DEAD

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 27.—Hannis Taylor, former United States minister to Spain and recognized authority of international law, died at his home here today.

Dr. Taylor, who was born in New Bern, N. C., 71 years ago, first practiced law in Montgomery, Ala., and later moved to Washington.

He was appointed minister to Spain in 1893 and later was counsel for the governor under the claims commission under the Spanish treaty and also the international boundary commission.

He held honorary degrees from eight American universities and from Edinburgh and Dublin universities.

## TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH AT BESSEMER

By the Associated Press.  
Gastonia, Dec. 27.—Two men were burned to death and one other is missing as a result of a fire which destroyed the Underwood boarding house and several other buildings at Bessemer City, near here according to information received here today.

Two bodies found in the ruins were identified as those of John D. Hough and his step-son, Mack Hopper, while E. J. Eddings was missing after the fire.

Mrs. Hough was seriously hurt in leaping from a second story window and it was feared the injuries might prove fatal.

The office and cotton warehouse of the Gambrell and Melville mills also were burned, together with about 100 bales of cotton and a one-story residence, but the total loss was estimated at not more than \$30,000. It was understood to be partially covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire was not known.

## COTTON

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton market showed renewed strength and activity today. Liverpool a little more than responded to the local gains of yesterday, while reports of a firm tone in the stock market seemed to encourage cotton traders. These reports encouraged a continuation of yesterday's buying movement and the market sold up to 27.02 for March and 27.10 for May or 27 to 27 points net higher or into new high ground for the movement.

	Open	Close
January	26.70	26.56
March	26.95	26.85
May	26.99	26.84
July	26.72	26.60
October	24.84	24.80

## LOSE IN TIMBER RIGHTS UNDER MOSCOW RULING

Tokio, Dec. 3.—Another heavy loss has been sustained by Japanese investors through the decision of the Moscow government to cancel concessions for cutting timber in Siberia granted by the former White Government. Several of the largest firms in Japan had obtained these concessions by the payment of 3,000,000 yen to the old Vladivostok government, and a monthly sum according to the amount of timber cut. As a great amount of this timber was still awaiting shipment when the Reds took Vladivostok the Japanese count the venture a total loss.

## CHECKER TOURNAMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

The announcement of a checker tournament at the Buttery Tea room Friday night at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Business and Professional Women's club created quite a bit of interest in checker circles here and nearby and it is rumored that artists have been busy for several days getting ready for the affair.

Although the business and professional women are staging the tournament the details and program for the evening will be turned over to the players themselves and there will be no interference on the part of the women. It is said that none of the women will compete for honors and the game will be played by the men.

A cordial invitation is extended to all checker players, whether experts or not, and the tea room will afford space for a large crowd of interested spectators. A small admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

## BRITISH MISSION ON WAY TO AMERICA

By the Associated Press.  
London, Dec. 27.—The British financial mission to the United States headed by Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, sailed for New York this morning. Besides the chancellor the party included Montague C. Morgan, governor of the Bank of England, Rowe Dutton, financial adviser and B. J. Gregg of the treasury.

It is expected that the mission will return about the end of January.

## TO REQUIRE KLAN TO PUBLISH LIST

By the Associated Press.  
Woodland, N. C., Dec. 27.—Legislation designed to require the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina to publish a certified list of its members, will be introduced at the 1923 session of the general assembly by W. H. S. Burgywn, one of Northampton's representatives, he announced today.

"I am also in favor of a resolution inquiring into whether or not certain judges and solicitors are members of the Ku Klux Klan," he continued, "unless they publish announcements giving the desired information.

"I am opposed to any increase of judicial districts, judges, or solicitors. I am against increases in the salaries of any officials, the creating of new office, and in favor of abolishing some of the unnecessary ones.

"As a member of the board of trustees of the University and a member of the house, I am opposed to a coalition of any department of this institution," he said.

The representative said he favored legislation to place all solicitors on salaries, instead of under the present fee system, and the election of county superintendents of education by popular vote.

## FINED AT BROOKFORD

Pink and Zack Britton and Bryson Carswell, three white men, were tried before Magistrate Smith at Brookford this morning and each fined \$5 and costs for drunk and disorderly conduct there yesterday afternoon. The warrants were served by Deputy Sheriff P. P. Jones.

## NOVEMBER REPORTS OF COTTON INCREASE

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 27.—Further increases in America's foreign trade were reflected today in figures compiled by the department of commerce, showing exports of cotton and lint for November to have been 858,337 bales valued at \$109,387,719. October exports of cotton totaled 798,564 bales valued at \$93,923,760.

## STATE PRESIDENT IS GUEST TONIGHT

J. Lester Wolfe of Charlotte, state president of the T. P. A., will be an honor guest at the annual banquet of Post K. T. P. A., at Hotel Huffy at 8:15 to night. W. A. Self, "official toastmaster of Hickory township," is due to have charge of the program. Secretary F. P. Johnston are convinced that the "drummers" have had enough feed, and toasts will be in order. A. M. Boyd of Charlotte also will be a visitor tonight. The gathering will be social in its nature, no business being on the program.

## EXPECT INDICTMENTS IN WAR CAMP CASES

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 27.—The special District of Columbia grand jury, before which the department of justice has presented irregularities in connection with the government's war-time contracts, has completed its work and is expected to make a report before the end of the week. For some time the jury has devoted its attention practically to the building of army cantonments.

## CHAMBER ENDORSES PROPOSED NEW LINE

### Directors of Business Organization Will Fight for Railroad from Lenoir to Grandin and North Wilkesboro and Butler, Tenn.—Wilkes Delegation Heard Here.

## FREED OF KILLING WHISKEY RUNNER

Jimmie Craig and Ed Owens, who were taken into custody by Charlotte police yesterday at the request of Lincoln county officials, who said they were wanted in connection with the gun fight there Sunday night in which Fred Allison, 29 of Charlotte, was fatally shot, were ordered released by Sheriff Abernethy, of Lincoln.

Sheriff Abernethy stated that he had ordered the men held on the dying statement of Allison that "Jim Craig shot me," but the coroner's inquest had brought out that Allison had stated that a negro had hit him with a black jack.

The verdict of the coroner's inquest held over the body of Fred Allison of Charlotte, who was fatally shot near Lincolnton Sunday night when officers attempted to stop the automobile in which he was riding, declared that Allison had come to his death by a revolver wound inflicted by one of the two unknown companions said to have been with him in the car.

Several witnesses were heard, including W. D. Baxter, deputy sheriff of Lincoln county, two physicians and Joseph Leatherman, near whose store the shooting occurred.

Fifty and one-half gallons of liquor were found in the car according to Baxter's testimony.

Drs. G. B. Crowell and John W. Saine, county physician, testified that the bullet which killed Allison was fired at close range.

Convinced that the proposed railroad line from North Wilkesboro to Grandin, Lenoir, Darby and Boone with connections in Tennessee is the most feasible route, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and other business men last night voted their endorsement of the proposition and pledged themselves to work for it. This action came after R. N. Hackett of North Wilkesboro and others had explained the situation. The motion was made by Geo. F. Ivey and seconded by J. D. Elliott.

Geo. W. Hall, vice-president, occupied the chair during the discussion of the railroad project, President Moretz coming in after the meeting had got under way. Several Hickory men made short talks, among them being Judge W. B. Connell, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Elliott, Mayor Yount and Mr. Hutton. Mr. Hackett made the principal talk for the Wilkes delegation, which also visited Lenoir yesterday afternoon and lined up the Chamber of Commerce there in favor of the project. Others in the Wilkes party were Rev. M. T. Smathers and Messrs. Finley and Hendren.

Mr. Hackett first outlined the proposition as it affects the state, saying that the legislature would select that route which is most easily built, would cost least and serve the most people, and he insisted that in no other light should a railroad project be viewed. It had to meet these conditions if it got anywhere with the legislature. The legislative railroad commission will recommend one of two propositions, he said, and explained them.

The first route Mr. Hackett discussed was the Statesville Air Line from Statesville to Elkin or Mount Airy, with connection at Elkin with the Elkin and Alleghany, which extends about 16 miles to the foot of the mountains. From there the route is to Sparta and Jefferson and on to Butler, Tenn., making about 112 miles to be constructed over territory that is unusually rough.

The other project is the Watauga and Yadkin and extension of this road 26 miles have been built from North Wilkesboro to Grandin and from Grandin to Lenoir is 15 miles. From Darby, the terminal, the distance to Boone is 26.5 miles and from Boone to Butler through Cook's gap the distance is 22 miles. That would give the state a through line from North Wilkesboro to the coal fields of Tennessee and West Virginia and cheaper freight rates from that section and the middle west.

Mr. Hackett said the 15 miles from Grandin to Lenoir would give this road an east and south outlet—east by way of Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem and south by way of Lenoir, Hickory, Lincolnton, Gastonia and Charlotte. It would appeal to the entire state, he said, and enable Wilmington and Southport to get lower freight rates. The grade is such that the road would carry coal, where the greatest benefit would be felt.

Judge Connell followed Mr. Hackett and explained the situation as it affects Hickory. He told of the natural resources in the mountains and declared that this was the natural route for any railroad.

Several speakers expressed the opinion that the state was ready to do something for the mountain counties and it was decided to urge this proposition when the question comes before the legislature next month. There are about 62 miles to build in order to give the state another through road.

Discussion was general and a man Mr. Hackett brought along was freely consulted. The counties of Wilkes, Watauga, Caldwell and Catawba have lined up for the proposed route.

Following this meeting the directors of the chamber took up other questions and adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Possibly a Klansman's boast is that he took a 200-mile trip without lifting hood.—New York World.

## DR. WILMER CRAFT DIES IN WASHINGTON

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilmer Craft, for 28 years superintendent of the international reform bureau he founded and widely known in behalf of prohibition and similar movements, died at his home here today of pneumonia. He was 73 years old.

## ED FEATHERSTONE KILLED IN SUNDAY AUTO ACCIDENT

Ed Featherstone, of Belmont, a brother of James C. Featherstone, of Gastonia, was instantly killed Sunday night in an automobile accident near Newmont, between Statesville and Newton. The car in which he was riding, in passing another car, went too near the edge of a new fill and turned turtle. Featherstone was pinned under the car. Three other men, all of Belmont, who were out on a pleasure ride in Featherstone's car, were thrown out but escaped without injury. They were Dan Rafter, Dennis Fite and a man named King. Featherstone, it is understood, thought the owner of the car, was not driving. Particulars regarding the accident are very meagre.

Featherstone's body was taken to Statesville where it was prepared for burial and shipped to Belmont, where funeral services and burial took place this morning. Deceased was connected with one of the Belmont mills and was well known here and throughout the county.

It is stated that at least some of the men in the car were drinking but whether whiskey was the cause of the accident is not known here.—Gastonia Gazette.

## Britain Tells Turkey Mosul Oil Field Is A British Possession

By the Associated Press.  
London, Dec. 27.—A Reuter's dispatch from Lausanne says: "There is grave danger of the near east conference becoming abortive if the Turks persist in their present methods."

TROUBLE ABOUT OIL  
By the Associated Press.  
Lausanne, Dec. 27.—Foreign Secretary Curzon of Great Britain informed Turkey today that the British

never will abandon the Mosul oil vilayet as requested by the Turkish delegation and that prolongation of the near east conference has not influenced the British government to recede from the position it has taken on this matter.

The British position is outlined in a letter sent by Lord Curzon to Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, covering the formal reply of the British on Sunday last to the Turkish note, which insisted Mosul belonged to Turkey.