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MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 1921.

The grand jury of Burke county last week recommended that a new courthouse and county home be built. That same route got Lincoln started on the road to a new courthouse, which is now being erected in Lincoln, and no doubt Burke folks will finally erect a new temple of justice.

After his statement that there is no "perfect climate," Climatologist R. D. Ward will do well to keep away from Western Carolina.

The Governor of Illinois is finding out that the majesty of the law is no small affair.

Wars, past and future, apprehended for the future, cost Uncle Sam 93 per cent of his income. Any private citizen who spent 93 per cent of his income on guns and ammunition would be sent to the lunatic asylum.

Some of those "infant" industries protected by the Fordney tariff are in their second childhood.

Auto thieves are no respecters of persons up around Hickory. Mayor J. D. Elliott's Marmon automobile was stolen from his garage Thursday night and carried off by unknown persons. One of the garage doors was broken down and the handsome car rolled over. It is not known what time the theft occurred. The Hickory officers were busy Friday sending out calls to surrounding towns in an effort to locate the car.

The verdict of the jury of second degree murder in the Kincaid case seems to meet with general approval, especially in view of the fact that premeditation was not shown by the evidence. A sentence of 18 years in the penitentiary to a man 53 years of age perhaps means a life sentence. The remorse to a man with a conscience will make the years hell on earth, and if the man who sold Kincaid the liquor has any conscience he will also suffer.

J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. and A. M., has issued an appeal to the Masons of the State for contributions for the construction of a hospital on the grounds of the Oxford Orphanage in accordance with a resolution adopted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

INVITED TO DISARM.

Formal invitation to the great Powers to participate in the disarmament conference have gone forth, the date being set for the anniversary of Armistice Day, Nov. 11, and the place of meeting to be Washington. Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan are expected to send representatives to this conference, while China has been asked to send a delegation to take part in those discussions of the conference which relate to the Pacific and the Far East.

The United States government take the view, which is expressed in its invitation to the Powers, that there can be no hope for peace or stability until the burden resulting from heavy armaments has been removed, and that such a reduction is possible only if troublesome international questions are settled by common consent. The Pacific and Far Eastern questions are mentioned specifically as occupying a position of "unquestioned importance."

While Japan at first declined to discuss affairs other than disarmament, she found this position untenable, and is understood to have informally consented that all the cards be laid upon the table, and all the matters which in any way threaten the peace of the world be threshed out. While there is a jingo element in Japan as in other countries, the leading statesmen have sounded the peace note, and former Minister of Justice Ozaki, touring the country for disarmament, has declared that the conference now called would "surely be the beginning of a solution of all the diplomatic questions between Japan and the United States."

Whether or not Ozaki's optimism is fully justified, there can be no doubt that the conference should mark a great step toward universal peace. The Powers must disarm or go bankrupt, and well they know it. The world staggers under a load of debt for past wars, constantly increasing in anticipation of future wars, that is becoming unbearable.

UNDER INFLUENCE OF WHISKEY

A man under the influence of whiskey does many foolish and reckless things. This has always been the case, but the present day drunk is claiming a terrible toll from the human family in all sections. Discussing some of these tragedies the *Rutherfordton Sun* says: "Every day we hear of instances where whiskey takes a terrible toll. It seems that most of the present day rum is very poisonous and dangerous. The wreck and narrow escape near Bat Cave Saturday night, the suicide of Rudasill of Shelby Monday night, the brutal murder of his wife by Kincaid of Burke county, killing of a whole family recently in Kentucky and attempting to burn them up in a house and a

similar instance near Roxboro, N. C., are only a few instances of the recent results of the influence of whiskey. The strange thing is that some people will continue to drink and deal with it when they know that it is very dangerous. It is as poisonous as a rattlesnake. When we see a fly light on a piece of tangle-foot where hundreds of other flies have fallen, we say it is a fool. We have hundreds of people who can see where old rum has caused the downfall of thousands and brought sorrow and want to millions, yet they go ahead and continue to drink and deal with it.

"We believe that intoxicating drinks has caused more sorrow, misery, death and poverty than anything else known to the human family. We hope and pray that the time will soon come when it will be banished from earth. We believe that all of our law abiding and God fearing citizens should co-operate with the officers and see that they do their duty in stamping it out. It is being made in this county. You will be doing great service, to your fellow man if you will do all in your power to help destroy the greatest enemy that religion, morality, law and order and innocent women and children ever had, viz: intoxicating drink."

FARMERS TO DISCUSS

FOUR VITAL QUESTIONS

The program of the North Carolina Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention to be held at the State College, August 30 to September 1, inclusive, will be of great interest to the farmers of the State. Four big problems will be stressed. Livestock Farming, Plant Breeding and Seed Selection, Cooperation and Marketing and Home-Making.

These subjects should cause every farmer to go and with his family so that they too can enjoy the benefits of this great "Get Together" meeting.

Let us forget, there will be community songs, plays, stunts, a band concert, a barbecue and other amusements so that Jones, from Wake County, can get acquainted with Smith from Lincoln.

THE TARIFF AND THE MERCHANT MARINE.

Alexander Markell, of Sydney, Australia, is on a visit to this country. In New York he was interviewed by a New York Times reporter who obtained his views on the tariff question. Mr. Markell cited the fact that the United States had and was now maintaining a great merchant marine. He spoke words as true as gospel when he said: "America is trying to establish this with a high tariff, and particularly when the currency of that country establishes the standard for the world and is at a higher rate of exchange than any other. Exchange of commodities is the life of industry, and if America is going to take a high place in foreign commerce she must import as well as export. The prohibitive tariff and the rate of exchange make that impossible."

A Republican policy of protection has once already swept the seas almost clear of American bottoms. Are the Republican leaders to persist in again doing this country that great injustice?—News and Observer.

HIGH ARMY OFFICIALS CONSPIRED FOR BERGDOLL'S FREEDOM

Washington, Aug. 18.—Samuel Tilden Ansell, former acting judge advocate general of the army, and of the prisoner's legal counsel; Colonel John E. Hunt and Colonel C. C. Cresson were charged with conspiring in connection with the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the draft dodger, in a report signed by three of the five members of a special investigating committee, filed today with the House.

Characterizing Ansell as "the master mind" in the plan by which Bergdoll was released from a military prison under guard to die up a pot of gold, the majority report recommended that he be distanced from practicing in the courts of the nation "above whose safety and integrity he has placed gold."

A majority report filed at the same time held, however, that there was no testimony to support the charge that Ansell, through whose efforts as counsel, the prisoner was released, "conspired to effectuate his escape," or that his motive was improper.

COTTON VALUES IS OVER

A BILLION LESS THAN 1920

New Orleans, La., Aug. 8.—The United States cotton crop for the year ending July 31, 1921, including the seed, is valued at \$1,076,380,710, as against \$2,516,544,520 last year, a decrease of \$1,440,163,810, according to Secretary H. G. Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, whose report on cotton consumption, supply and carry-over was made public today.

It must be remembered, however adds Mr. Hester, that this crop was a million bales less than last year and that the actual depreciation in value of the crop was the difference between the average value per bale this and last year, which was \$91.91. There was a further enormous depreciation of the large carry-over in the United States at the close of July, 1920. These, Mr. Hester says, are the surface indications. To what extent in dollars and cents the producers suffered cannot be accurately estimated. It is known, however, that the 1920-21 crop cost more per bale to produce than any on record and that a large part of it sold at much less than the cost of production.

FANCY SILKS GIVE

WAY TO COTTON GOODS

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The fancy silk shirts and socks and loud, expensive cravats of the par prosperity period are doomed to give way to cotton, lisle and plain knitted goods because men are slashing their clothing bills, haberdashers today told the board of review when questioned about their personal property taxes. "Most of the dealers say that the value of their stocks is decreasing because the public is demanding a cheaper grade of goods," said a member of the board.

FIND KINCAID GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE

Morganton, Aug. 19.—Guilty of murder in the second degree was the verdict of the jury in the case of Sidney A. Kincaid, Burke county commissioner, on trial here on the charge of murder in connection with the slaying of his wife July 1.

The verdict was rendered about midnight, after the jury had deliberated an hour and a half. Judge Bryson's charge consumed two hours, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The trial has been in progress since Tuesday, and was heard by a jury selected from a venire of 75 men summoned from Lincoln county, on motion of the state.

Mrs. Kincaid was killed instantly when her throat was cut with a fruit paring knife in a scuffle with her husband on the back porch of their home, according to the evidence.

Judge Bryson began his charge to the jury immediately after court was convened for the evening session at 8 o'clock, and spoke for two hours. The charge was comprehensive, embracing every possible point, and enumerating the evidence both for and against the prisoner. The case was given to the jury at 10 o'clock, and that body was ready to report at 11:30. A half hour was consumed in getting the court together.

The verdict seems to meet with general approval. Arguments in the case were concluded at 6:30 o'clock this afternoon, having been in progress continuously, except for the noon recess, since 9:30 this morning. Five speeches were made during the day, three for the defense and two for the state. Solicitor Huffman concluded with a vigorous plea for the administration of justice and an appeal to the jury for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Attorneys W. A. Self, C. A. Jonas and S. J. Ervin reviewed the case for the defendant, making impassioned appeals for their client. J. F. Spaulding assisted the solicitor with a strong appeal for the prosecution.

Judge Bryson adjourned court at the conclusion of the argument until 8 o'clock, after the jury had announced their willingness to hear the charge and consider the case tonight.

The trial began on Tuesday of this week and had been on continuously since that time.

OVER SCORE WOUNDED AT JAIL AT KNOXVILLE.

Most of Them Curiosity Seekers Watching Mob Advance to Get Negro. Two Women Hurt.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 19.—More than 27 persons wounded, two seriously, at 9:30 tonight when deputies guarding the Knox County jail fired on a crowd which had crossed, "dead line" in an attempt to demand the release of a negro held as a suspect in a criminal assault upon a county school teacher Thursday.

All of the wounded are white, and it is thought that all will recover. Two are women. Most of the wounded were curiosity seekers who were standing to one side upon the court-house lawn, which is 30 feet above the street level at the corner, where the jail stands. One officer, Deputy Sheriff Charles Lewis, was wounded in the arm by return fire from the crowd.

Although the machine gun company of the 117th infantry, Tennessee national guard, was on duty at the jail, the soldiers did not open fire.

Following reports that the school teacher today has positively identified Martin as her assailant, large crowds gathered in the vicinity of the jail before dusk tonight.

Murphy, Aug. 19.—Two deputy sheriffs were killed, and another seriously wounded in a pitched battle with blockaders at Kesselburg bridge, on North river, near here, last night. Meagre details received here bore the impression that the officers were endeavoring to arrest moonshiners when the latter opened fire with rifles. The men escaped.

HAS ESTATE OF \$200,000 FOR DAUGHTER LOST 40 YEARS

Philadelphia, Aug. 12.—After 40 years' separation from his family, Horace W. Allison, of Philadelphia, has just traced his daughter, Deville Caroline, to Birmingham, Ala., where he informed her that he held in trust for her an estate reported to exceed \$200,000 left her by her grandfather, Walter Allison, in Mo., where Allison left his daughter after her mother's death. It took him to Palestine, Texas, where she had gone after marriage, then came to Illinois and finally to Alabama. Allison is said to have discovered that he is the grandfather of five children. His daughter's marriage name is withheld.

Gaston County Court Convened Today.

August term of Gaston court convened in Gastonia today with Judge Ray of Burnsville presiding. There is a total of 150 cases on the docket, including liquor cases, assaults, gambling, larceny, etc. and one murder case state vs. Reese Hill.

CONFEDERATE REUNION MAY HAVE ARMY BAND

Durham, Aug. 9.—T. F. Southgate a member of the program committee in charge of making arrangements for the entertainment of Confederate veterans in this city when they hold their state reunion here August 22, 23, 24, has received a letter from the United States war department informing him that an army band from either Camp Bragg, at Fayetteville in this state; Camp Jackson at Columbia, S. C., or Fort McPherson, Georgia, may be secured to furnish music here during the days of the Confederate reunion, providing the commanding general at the posts will grant his permission for the bands to make the trip to Durham.

A New York banker adds a hundred million dollars to the cost of the war, because of the crime wave which swept over the country in 1920 and which has not yet subsided. The crime wave is to be deplored, but its cost was immaterial in view of the whole cost of this war.—News and Observer.

PROGRAM OF NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RURAL LETTER CARRIERS ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD AT HENRY, N. C., SEPTEMBER 5, 1921.

10 A. M.

Song, America Devotional exercises, By Chaplin R. A. McNeely.

Address of welcome for village, Charles L. Heavner. Address of welcome for Carriers, S. E. Lutz. Response, J. B. Nolen.

Roll call. Reading minutes of last meeting. Appointment of Committees. Music by Local Talent. Short address by Carriers as follows:

"Some things we can do through a good, strong organization," by J. M. Ballard.

"The Social worth of our meetings," by W. M. Pence.

"What is a Rural Route worth to a Community?" by G. V. Hawkins.

"How to build up our organization," by W. C. Johnston.

12 O'Clock Picnic Dinner 1:30 p. m. Address by Loy Cornell on "The moral relation of a carrier to the community he serves." Report of Committees. Music.

Round table discussion of subjects pertaining to the betterment of our conditions as carriers. Adopting of resolutions. Miscellaneous business. Selecting next meeting place. Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

We hope every carrier in this district will come to our meeting. Don't miss it. Committee.

LIEUT. RITCHIE VISITING PARENTS.

Lieut. L. Lee Ritchie, who is now an Officer in the Salvation Army and is Stationed at Columbia and engaged in S. A. Activities there. He has just come out of the Salvation Army, Eastern Territorial Training College, where he graduated as an officer and was commissioned by Commissioner Thomas Estill, Eastern Territorial Commander, of the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is a Religious organization, and does lots of Charitable work among the poor classes of people and is the biggest Missionary Society in the whole world, its flag is flying and its language is now preached in 42 different tongues, Corps and outpost, 11,173, the Salvation Army was started by General Booth, July 1865 and was first known as the "Christian Mission" twelve years later it was changed to the Salvation Army, because it had grown so rapidly, and today is the only Religious organization that is governed under Military laws.

Lieut. Ritchie was born in Gaston County, N. C., and has lived at Lincoln. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Ritchie live on Lincolnton R. P. D. 1.

FIREMEN GOING IN LARGE NUMBER TO STATE TOURNAMENT

Gastonia Gazette 14th.

With fifty-six towns and cities yet to be heard from the delegation list for the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, "indicates that it will easily be the largest gathering ever brought to Gastonia and representing more municipalities. The Chamber of Commerce has sent out a second call to those not replying to the first in an effort to secure a full estimate of attendance beforehand and also to stimulate attendance.

City Manager W. J. Alexander is acting chairman of the executive committee during the absence from the city of Jno L. Beal, in addition to his multitudinous other duties in connection with the event, and is urging all committees to highest activity.

Reports received at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce up to today noon include the following:

Asheville 20, Benson 2, Burlington 20, Chapel Hill 15, Charlotte 20 and a host of business men, Concord 40, East Spencer 20, Fremont 0, Hamlet 17, Henderson 6, High Point 14, Kinston 20, Monroe 15, Morganton, 25, Murphy 0, Mount Airy 6, New Bern 2, Oteen 3, Raleigh 3, Reidsville 4, Sanford 12, Spencer 5, Spencer Shop team 14, Statesville 21 and 50 business men, Washington 2, Wilmington 11, Wilson 2, Winston-Salem 21. Total 343 besides large delegation of business men.

President Harding has been invited to speak at the State Fair in Raleigh in October.

Eley Sullivan, Charged With Killing Negro Preacher and Elder Near Chester, S. C., in 1915, Is Arrested by Gastonia Officers.

Gastonia Gazette 12th.

Eley Sullivan, colored, who has been wanted for over six years for the murder of two negroes near Chester S. C., was arrested in Gastonia Wednesday evening and positively identified by several yesterday and today. The arrest was made by Officers Hord, Cole and Baird Wednesday, but the matter was kept quiet by the police until the prisoner could be positively identified.

Sullivan was first noticed near a store at Union Square by some colored persons who thought they recognized him as the guilty person. The police station was notified and the officers went out and captured Sullivan in the neighborhood mentioned. He offered no resistance when arrested and made very little effort to escape when he saw the officers coming. He was lodged in the city jail to await the arrival of officers from Chester. He has neither confessed nor denied guilty.

Since his arrest, Sullivan has been identified by several colored people of this place, who were formerly well acquainted with him, and some others from Chester who arrived in town this morning with Deputy Sheriff J. G. Howze, of Chester, who came to

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GENUINE BULL DURHAM TOBACCO

carry Sullivan to Chester. He will be taken to the Chester jail this afternoon.

Sullivan has been hunted ever since April 25, 1915, on which date he is charged with the murder of a negro preacher and elder at a church service in Chester county, about 15 miles from the city of Chester. He has been searched for in Gastonia before, but until Wednesday had foiled all the efforts of officers both here and elsewhere.

BODY OF A HALF-NUDE GIRL FOUND IN CANAL

E. F. White, Married Man, With Young Woman When Car Plunged into Water.

Miami, Fla., Aug. 11.—The body of Miss Maude Gilbert, aged 29, was taken from the Tamiami canal near here by divers late this afternoon at the point where the touring car in which she was riding with E. F. White late last night is alleged to have plunged into the water. Her body was only partly clothed. White is being held in the county jail without bond.

White early this morning walked into the sheriff's office and calmly declared that his automobile had gone into the canal and the girl, who he said was driving it, had been drowned. County officials at first doubted the man's story, as his clothing was neatly pressed and bore no evidence of his having been submerged. He insisted, however, that he had gone to his home first and changed clothes after walking about seven miles, then getting a lift to town on a farm wagon. Deputies were dispatched to the canal and located the machine. When it was pulled out articles of feminine apparel were found, including a corset and underwear. Divers worked for hours, finally coming up on the body about 5 o'clock.

White told the authorities he had chanced upon Miss Gilbert late last night while she was waiting for a jitney and asked her to go for a ride with him, both being acquainted. White declared that after they had driven about ten miles out in the Tamiami trail, which runs along the canal into the Everglades, Miss Gilbert asked him if she might drive the car, to which he assented. He was unable to give a clear explanation of how the car plunged into the water.

White is employed here as a clerk. He has a wife and two children, who left here yesterday for South Carolina.

FOR SALE or Trade 1 1/2 ton Fulton Truck. K. B. Nixon. j9-1f

CIVIL SERVICE examination for men, women, over 17. Railway Mail Clerk, \$1600. Postoffice Clerk, Government Clerk, Typist, \$1400-\$1800. Experience unnecessary. For free particulars, write R. Terry (former Civil Service examiner) 1403 Continental Bldg., Washington, D. C. 11*

YOURS SINCELELY W. B. Abernethy, SHERIFF LINCOLN COUNTY

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Taxpayers of Town and County who have not paid their 1920 taxes are hereby notified that this matter should now be attended to soon. We are nearing the time when we are compelled to make settlement with the County for these taxes. Please come forward and settle. Dont put this important matter off longer.

Time and Tide Was Never Put On the Waiting List.

It isn't what you WANT that makes you plump and good natured—it's what you EAT. If you keep your digestive apparatus all smoothed out with pure food groceries, sold over the counter in this establishment, you won't have anything to worry about except the income tax.

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FOR SALE—50 acre farm, 2 miles north of Goodsonville. Good 6 room newly painted house, outbuildings, half in timber. Will also sell farm tools, mule, cow, hogs, etc. W. T. Hill, Lincolnton R-4

WANTED—A Position in Lincolnton by experienced stenographer. Reference furnished upon request Address 512 N. Flint St. Lincolnton 2*

FOR RENT—5 rooms and bath, desirable location. Phone 371. a22-2f

WHEAT Straw For Sale at A. P. Leonard's. Lincolnton R-1 11*

FOR SALE—Pure bred Berkshire pigs, 2 bred gilt, one registered boar; 22 months old, also Grade Hereford cattle. Thos J. Ramsaur a18-3*

THERE WILL Be a Sale at home of Dorous Thornburg's on Aug. 20th, at 10 a. m. Household and personal property to be sold at auction. L. A. Thornburg. a11-2*

FOR SALE—One 500 gal. water tank; one 6 H. P. Engine and Boiler; One 3 H. P. Gasoline Engine; One 2 horse wagon. These things can be bought cheap. Mrs. R. S. Edwards. aug15-4*

The Johnston Ice and Fuel Co. are running an interesting serial in the advertising columns. Don't miss a single installment.

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