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DR. J. W. PEACOCK IS SANE LETTER HE WRITE HOME SAYS

Alleged examination by experts before Florida declares him sane

MADE ESCAPE FROM PRISON INSANE WARD

LAKELAND, Fla., Jan. 15.—Court records show that Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped last year from the criminally insane department of the North Carolina state penitentiary, was declared sane at Arcadia, Florida, last Thursday before Judge George W. Whitehurst after an examination by Dr. H. M. Richards and Dr. R. R. Sullivan of Lakeland.

Dr. Peacock was stopping here at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. E. Luffey but left last night for St. Petersburg, where it was said he intends to practice medicine.

According to information received here, he was examined to frustrate any attempt to extradite him to North Carolina.

Thomasville, Jan. 15.—A letter from Dr. J. W. Peacock, from Lakeland, Fla., telling of his having been set free by a judge in Florida and by alienists who pronounced him sane, was received here today by his wife, Mrs. J. W. Peacock, also an order for his office and medical fixtures to be sent to him came in the same letter with the information he was intending to begin the practice of medicine at some point in Florida.

Dr. Peacock is spending today and probably tomorrow at St. Petersburg, Fla., according to information, with a view to deciding on a location for the practice of his profession.

The question is already being agitated here as to the proper course to pursue in regard to bringing the doctor back to North Carolina, from whose criminal insane department he escaped sometime last summer. Former Solicitor Bower, it is learned, states that he can be brought back. Solicitor Bower was prosecutor in the case for the state during his trial for murder in Davidson county last summer a year ago.

Tried in June, 1921.

Dr. Peacock was tried in Lexington in June, 1921, on a charge of murdering James E. Taylor, chief of police of Thomasville. After one of the most sensational trials in the annals of the state, a jury from Rowan county returned a verdict of not guilty on the ground that the physician had slain Chief Taylor in an irresponsible mental state.

Judge T. B. Finley, presiding under the laws of the state ordered Peacock held for investigation. A hearing was held in Greensboro the latter part of June, 1921, which resulted in Peacock going to the state's criminal insane asylum.

Last summer Peacock made his escape from the insane asylum and the information from Florida today was the first heard of him since his sensational escape.

Peacock on April 16, 1921, killed Chief Taylor on the streets of Thomasville. He fired with a shot gun from his office window upon the chief, wounding Taylor severely. Peacock then rushed from his office and emptied several shots from his automatic pistol into the head of the helpless officer. The killing of Taylor was said to be one of the most brutal ever recorded in Davidson county.

Put up Insane Plea.

The trial of Peacock was one that held the attention of North Carolina for over a week. Both sides, the state and defense, were represented by some of the ablest legal talent in the state. The defense fought the case on the ground of insanity, contending that the defendant was suffering from paranoia. Several able alienists testified that Peacock was a paranoiac and that while he appeared rational most of the time the disease would probably take hold of him at any time.

The killing of Taylor followed the

AUTHORITY ON INDIANS



Dr. William Beauchamp of Syracuse, N. Y., is the greatest living authority on Iroquois Indians. He is ninety-three years old, but remarkably active.

KNITTING MILL NEWEST REIDSVILLE ENTERPRISE

A new stock company with a paid in capital of \$150,000 is being organized to establish a large knitting mill in Reidsville.

W. L. Pannill, for several years one of the officers of the P. H. Hanes Knitting Mill Company of Winston-Salem, has resigned his position with that company and will devote his entire time to the organization and management of the new company. He has associated with him Robert Graham, also of Winston-Salem, who is an experienced textile man. Mr. Pannill was born and raised in Reidsville. For many years he was connected with the Hanes mills in this county and for the past eight or ten years he has been with the Hanes Company, in Winston-Salem. He is an efficient executive and is thoroughly conversant with every detail of knitting mills. He will move his family here in a short time.—Reidsville Review.

Prayer meeting of the First Baptist church of Leaksville, will meet Wednesday evening with Mr and Mrs. T. L. Millner, on Monroe St.

MR. SHERRILL, CHARLOTTE VISITOR ENJOYS VISIT HERE

Mr. H. C. Sherrill of Charlotte spent the week end with his parents Rev. and Mrs. Sherrill at the Methodist Parsonage. Mr. Sherrill was shown about our three towns and expressed himself as surprised and gratified with the many industrial plants and other enterprises. Mr. Sherrill is Manager of the Morris Plan Bank of Charlotte, and is also in the Real estate and Insurance business. This was his first visit and one he enjoyed greatly.

BAPTIST MID-WEEK SERVICE

Prayer meeting at 7:30, Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Millner on Monroe St. with the following program:

- Subject—Love.
- Hymn—Love Lifted Me.
- Hymn—Love Divine.
- Prayer, Pastor.
- Song—Little Caroline Wilson.
- Talk, by the Pastor, Dr. Abernathy.
- Poem, Miss Laura Darlington.
- Hymn—More Love To Thee
- Reading, Mrs. H. P. Foard
- Prayer, Mr. J. B. Taylor.
- Hymn—Blest Be The Tie.
- Benediction.

burning of Peacock's barn. However, the defense never contended that Chief Taylor was in any way responsible for the destruction of the barn.

During the trial it was brought out that Peacock's mother was residing in Florida. His sister and her husband, of Florida, were present at the trial.

FRENCH CONTROL EVERY OUTLET FROM THE RUHR

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 16.—The French now control every outlet from the Ruhr into Germany whether by rail or water. Lines extended through Dortmund to Luernen on Lippe River and thence to Witten.

FRENCH SOLDIERS CLASH WITH DEMONSTRATORS

Berlin, Jan. 15.—A clash between German demonstrators and French troops occurred at the railway station at Bochum this evening. The French fired, killing one person and wounding several.

The incident followed political demonstrations on a big scale. Several thousand persons collected in front of the town hall, where the French general had his quarters, and cheered the German republic, then marched through the streets. A number of young communists made a counter-demonstration, cheering the third internationale and the French communists league.

The police were unable to handle the crowds and towards evening the French troops had to intervene. It was about 8 o'clock in the evening when they opened fire near the railway station.

TOBACCO FARMERS SHOULD HAVE SEED RECLEANED

In my opinion the tobacco farmers should try and improve the quality of their tobacco. For better quality means better prices and more money per acre. This applies to all tobacco farmers—whether you are grading and selling your tobacco through the Co-operative Marketing Associations or whether you are grading and selling on the auction floor, because quality counts under either method. One of the best ways to improve any crop is by careful and proper seed selection. And in the case of tobacco the saving of seed is a very vital and important matter. After the seed plant has been selected, proper care should be given the plant and all small faulty pods should be kept trimmed off thru the growing season and only good plump pods should be left to mature. After seed have matured and been thrashed out they should then be recleaned, so that all small light or chaffy seed should be taken out, leaving sound plump seed of a uniform size. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture—Raleigh, N. C. has a machine to reclean tobacco seed and will reclean for any tobacco farmer free. The only cost to the farmer is the postage both ways, which is a very small item. We realize that one of the first and fundamental principles in growing a crop of tobacco is to have plenty of good strong healthy plants. Then if we can plant our fields with healthy uniform plants we naturally expect the crop to grow almost uniform and continue a uniform crop through the season, enabling the farmer to top approximately every plant at one topping. Then it would be natural for the crop to mature together or at about the same time, enabling us to harvest a more uniform crop. What might sometimes seem to be small insignificant matters really mean more than we think and that true in the case of saving tobacco seed. A little more time and trouble given to the proper saving and handling of our seed perhaps would mean many dollars in our next crop of tobacco. I would be glad if as many farmers as can would take advantage of this chance of having their tobacco seed recleaned. This office will be glad to assist anyone in this matter.

F. S. Walker, County Agent

METHODIST PRAYER MEETING

The Midweek Prayer Service at the Leaksville Methodist Church Wednesday will be conducted by several laymen, with special musical attractions. Friends are cordially invited.

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ROUND UP TRAIN WRECKERS

Bridges Have Been Burned And Train Service Stopped

(By Associated Press)

HARRISON, Ark., Jan. 16.—A Citizen's committee questioned the twenty five alleged strikers on the Missouri and North Arkansas, railroad rounded up yesterday from points along the road by several hundred men who came here announcing they would resort to armed action unless depredations on the line ceased. A number of alleged strikers were driven from town others fled on the approach of citizens. Periodically bridges on the road have been burned and service completely tied up.

The body of E. D. Cregor of Missouri and North Arkansas striker was found hanging from a bridge near the railroad yards at Harrison, according to the correspondent of the Arkansas Democrat.

This is the week of Prayer, for the members of the First Baptist church and today they met with Mrs. D. F. King on Bridge Street.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Battling Siki was matched conditionally against Harry Greb according to the Journal.

JUSTICE COMES TO AID STARVING WIFE AND CHILD.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 16.—Wheels of justice twirled as wheels of fortune today for Sam Wilner, tailor, when he unfolded a tale of poverty and starving wife and children for whom he had passed a worthless \$26 check on the butcher shop.

Magistrate Goodman, of Essex Market court, ordered an immediate investigation of the tailor's story and found it true. He asked the butcher if he would drop the charge if he got his money. The butcher said he would.

The magistrate extorted a \$20 bill from his pocket. Others in the court added to this amount and the butcher was paid the remainder while \$15 was given to Wilner.

THE AMERICAN BOND

A Civic Fellowship

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 16.—There was officially launched in this city yesterday in a number of the largest churches The American Bond—the name indicating the tie of loyalty firmly binding all true patriots—a Civic Fellowship—a nation-wide movement to promote Americanism and loyalty to the laws of the United States.

Sebastian S. Kresge, nationally known merchant; Henry M. Leland, the auto manufacturer; Joseph Boyer, of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., are among those actively interested in this movement, which has for its Executive Secretary, Howard Hyde Russell, founder of the Anti-Saloon League, and the Lincoln-Lee Legion.

The enrollment obligation of The American Bond which everyone is invited to take is:

"To promote loyalty to Flag and Law I hereby enroll in The American Bond. I promise to obey all laws of Nation and State and to insist upon like obedience by all others in the spirit of the American Creed as follows:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a Democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of Freedom, Equity, Justice and Humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

SPECIAL OFFICER HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF KIDNAPPING PLANNED

Other testifying that Klansmen went to Hardware to arm themselves

OFFICER STEVENSON ADMITS MEMBERSHIP

(By Associated Press)

BASTROP, Jan. 16.—Smith Stevenson, special policeman on the day of the barbecue which preceded the kidnapping of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard, testified at the open hearing into masked band depredations, denied he saw any one point out two men prior to kidnapping. Stevenson said he was Klansman and was at Thomas Hardware store when news of the kidnapping was received. Other witnesses testified that Klansmen assembled at the store to arm themselves in the event people of Mer Rouge charged klansmen with the kidnapping and that they might attempt reprisals.

BORCHUM ORDER RESTORED

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Order was restored at Borchum where a clash occurred between German demonstrators and French troops last night is officially announced.

FIDELIS ELECT NEW OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEET

At the Annual Business meeting of the Fidelis Class of the Leaksville Baptist Sunday School the following officers were elected:

Teacher, Mrs. S. J. Beeker.
President, Miss Elizabeth Wade
Vice president, Mrs. W. O. Jenkins.

Secretary, Miss Ethel Jones
Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Robert Carroll.

Treasurer, Miss Bettie Hayes
Librarian, Miss Annie Osborne.
A very good report was given for the past year by Miss Bettie Hayes, but we hope to see a great improvement in the work for this year.

SMALL FLURRY OF SNOW

A strong wind, shower of rain followed by a flurry of snow about nine o'clock Monday night constituted the strongest evidence of winter this year, along with a few pretty cold nights.

FRENCH THREAT CAUSES PANIC IN BERLIN

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The French threat to arrest German coal directors in the Ruhr caused a panic in Berlin, says a Central News Dispatch.

KINSTON NEGRO CONFESS TO MURDER IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15.—Confessing, according to the police, the murder of John Sutton, a farmer, of Kinston, N. C., James Miller, alias James Smith, a negro farm hand, is locked up in a police station here awaiting action by the North Carolina authorities.

The negro, who was arrested last Wednesday as a suspicious character made his confession after four days' insistent grilling by the police. He said that one night last September, while driving a wagon on a lonely road, he was halted by Sutton and another white man known to him only as "Cy" who were in an automobile. Sutton accused him of stealing corn and ordered "Cy" to summon the police. The farmer then seized the negro, who drew a revolver and fired several shots into Sutton's body.

The negro the police said, admitted the theft of the corn, and stated that when accosted by Sutton he had 18 gallons of whiskey hidden under hay in his wagon.

Governor Morrison on October 4, offered a reward of \$400 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the killing of John Sutton.

ASSEMBLY SETTLES TO BUSY WEEK WILL BOND BILL UP

W. N. Evert sworn in as Secretary of State at 10 o'clock today

WILL TRY TO MAKE LAW LIKE VOLSTEAD

(By Associated Press)

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—With the fifteen million bond issue bill to continue good roads and the Neale bill calling for an inquiry into charges regarding the state printing up for debate the assembly swung into action with prospects of a busy week.

Prohibition promised to come to the front also, with the convening here of the state anti-Saloon league which is considering a bill to make state laws conform with the Volstead act. W. N. Evert was sworn in as secretary of state at ten o'clock today.

Speaker Dawson announced last night the resignation of Mr. Evert from the house. The place is immediately vacant. Governor Morrison has indicated to former Senator Walter Parsons, of Richmond, a desire to have him stand for election and come here to fill out the last 25 days. Mr. Evert's resignation removes him from the chairmanship of the appropriations committee and takes him off the budget committee just as it finished its work.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Heiner and daughter, Gertrude have returned from Baltimore and New York, where they spent several days.

GERMANY DECLARED WILFUL DEFAULTER IN PAYMENTS

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The Reparations commission has decided Germany had wilfully defaulted in deliveries in kind for 1923. France, Belgium, and Italy voting affirmative and British delegates abstaining from voting.

DEC. COTTON CONSUMPTION

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Cotton consumed during December amounted to 527,945 bales of lint and 49,078 linters the census bureau announced today.

MRS. DAVID J. HILL DIES FROM INJURIES

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Mrs. David Jayne Hill, wife of former ambassador Germany died of injuries sustained yesterday when struck by an automobile. A negro delivery wagon driver is held by police.

PERSON WHO FLOGGED MRS. HARRISON KNOWN

(By Associated Press)

HOUSTON, Jan. 16.—The masked persons who flogged Mrs. R. H. Harrison thirty years old widow and R. A. Armand oil field worker, are known and swift justice will be meted out, Sheriff Binford declared as the grand jury prepared to renew their investigation into attacks at Goose Creek. Armand is still in a serious condition as a result of his injuries.

DAILY GAZETTE NOW ON ITS FIFTH YEAR.

Four years ago yesterday the Tri-City Daily Gazette made its appearance as a Daily paper. Today we started on the fifth year with this issue of the Gazette. A number of changes have taken place since that time, some of which affected our income: First the starting of another print shop and then later a weekly prayer, both of which eat heavily into our source of revenue. However, when business improves there may be enough for all, providing our business men desist sending their job printing out of town.

There are a number of men who profess to favor the towns growth, but they are absorbed with "village ideas" which will not work.