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DOUBLE PROBE OF KU KLUXERS

Department of Justice and Congress Will Investigate Order

Washington, Sept. 24.—Federal authorities are going to fire two shots into the whiterobed ranks of the Ku Klux Klan.

The first probably will be a thorough investigation of the order by the Department of Justice.

William Joseph Simmons, known as emperor of the Invisible Empire, may be summoned from his headquarters at Atlanta, to Washington to present his case.

The Postoffice Department is seeking to determine whether the Klan has violated postal regulations.

Heads of the American Federation of Labor are warning their thousands of adherents to steer clear of the Klan.

500,000 Members.

The Klan claims a total membership of 500,000 and says it is calling 1000 fresh recruits to the colors every week.

Its officers say it is a fraternal patriotic organization based on the tradition of the Ku Klux Klan which flourished in the south during the reconstruction period following the Civil War.

They say it is dedicated to loyal Americanism, white supremacy and the protection of American womanhood.

But the opponents of the Klan declare that it is an anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, anti-alien body and that it plans by insidious propaganda to stir up racial and religious hatred and internal strife.

It is upon these charges that federal action will be based.

Burns Ready to Act.

William J. Burns, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, says he has not yet looked into the Klans operations but will do so as soon as he is authorized by Attorney General Daugherty.

Daugherty is not now in Washington. Burns says it is probable he will order a probe immediately upon his return.

Representative Peter F. Tague of Massachusetts has drafted a resolution demanding an investigation of the Klan which he will present soon after Congress convenes.

Planning Program.

Representative Leonidas M. Dyer of Missouri, member of the House Judiciary Committee, is studying statutes and precedents to determine what action Congress can take.

"It's probable that we'll pass a resolution empowering some committee or subcommittee to make an investigation," Dyer said. "That will enable the committee to subpoena officers of the Klan and force them to appear at hearings here."

Representative Benjamin J. Fairchild of New York said:

"I don't know of any federal law under which we can prosecute. But it's possible that new federal legislation will be enacted to cover this particular case."

CAUGHT CARP WITH CORN

Rockingham Fishermen Found Good Bait to Catch Big Fish

Rockingham Dispatch.

Alec Smith and John Shepard of Midway have caught a large number of fine carp in Pee Dee river in the past few days. They use trout lines, four in number on each of which are about 100 hooks. Five grains of corn are used on each hook as bait, the corn first being boiled slightly to become pliable for putting on the hook. A deep pool below the Blewett Ferry is used by them as a fishing ground. During the five days ending Monday 42 carp had been caught in this way, each carp averaging about nine pounds. One caught weighed 14 pounds. They sell for \$1 to \$1.50, depending on the size.

A carp is a soft-finned, physostomous fish. It feeds chiefly on vegetable matter and attains a great size and large size. Its mouth resembles that of a sucker, small and round. Hence the ease with which these Midway fellows caught them with grains of corn. The carp is exceedingly prolific and tenacious of life. It came originally from Asia where it is esteemed as a food. In many ponds the carp has proved a nuisance, destroying the natural growth of water plants and increasing to such an extent that other and more valuable fish cannot exist.

Smith and Shepard say they are going to try a new method of catching them, using corn meal baked just long enough to prevent dissolving.

800 KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN GERMANY

Explosion Occurred in Laboratory; None Thought to Have Escaped

Mayence, Germany, Sept. 21.—Eight hundred persons are reported to have been killed and many injured today by an explosion in the Badische Anilin- und Sulfurwerke at Oppau near Frankenthal in Rhine Palatinate.

The disaster appears to have been one of the most terrible in the history of the industrial catastrophes. The first explosion occurred when the shifts were being changed at 7:45 a. m. in the laboratory where 800 men are said to have been killed. The explosion was followed in rapid succession by others, which rendered assistance to the first victims impossible. The concussion was so terrific that it was felt in this city, some 35 miles from the scene, while at Mannheim, 13 miles distant, almost every window was shattered, and several persons were killed and 36 injured by debris. Some persons were killed at Ludwigshafen across the river from the city of Mannheim, where many roofs were blown off houses and all windows in the town were broken. At worms, while at Oppau itself nothing remains except ruins. The shock was felt as far away as Frankfurt, more than 40 miles away, and many windows were broken there. The whole district was enveloped in a thick smoke, which together with the cutting of telegraph and telephone communication with neighboring towns, hampered the efforts at assistance. All available fire brigades were rushed to the spot, but the work of rescue was found by relief parties to be exceedingly difficult for many reasons. The rescuers who penetrated Oppau reported finding a hundred dead and wounded in the debris. The uninjured inhabitants fled in panic when the explosion occurred. Reports from the scene described the disaster as being due to the explosion of a gas or spirits tank.

Maine Hikers on Way to San Francisco

Winston Sentinel, Sept. 22.

To prove that they could walk from Portland, Me., to San Francisco without money for food and shelter except what people would voluntarily give them on their route, Jack McClosky and Harry C. Bushman, of Portland, are on a hike to the Pacific coast city, and have traveled as far as Winston-Salem in twelve weeks' time. They reached this city yesterday and are spending today here.

The two young men started out without funds, and agreed not to beg or steal en route, but to trust to the generosity of people whom they met for food and a place to stay at night. On the road they walk at the rate of about five miles an hour. Mr. McClosky lost his hat in crossing a bridge in Maine and since that time he has traveled without one. He was growing bald before he set out, but going bareheaded has proven a very effective means of restoring hair, he says.

Both young men saw service in the war, the former being an officer in the British army from 1914 until the United States entered, when he was repatriated and joined the American forces, he says.

The route followed by the hikers is about 5,000 miles in length. They will go via Atlanta, New Orleans and El Paso, expecting to reach San Francisco by Christmas.

FEAR BIG INFLOW OF GERMANS SOON

Washington, Sept. 24.—Unless the German government discourages immigration a flood of German may follow the re-establishment of American consular offices in that country in the opinion of the department of labor.

While the percentage section of the immigration law permits more than 13,000 Germans to enter this country, none have come here in recent months, notwithstanding that the American commissioner at Berlin has power to issue visas. With the setting up of consular offices at the various ports, however, it will be much easier for visas to be obtained providing the government is willing to issue such documents.

Italy already has taken a hand in reducing immigration, the monthly quota falling well below the maximum which can be admitted under the law. In June, the first month the law was in operation, the quota for the month was exceeded, but restriction on passports since then has reduced Italian immigration about 50 per cent.

ENGINEER SAVES LIFE OF A CHILD

Unable to Stop Train, He Climbed to Pilot and Lifted Baby from the Track.

Raleigh, Sept. 21.—He has been often in the moving pictures—the handsome engineer who from his cab on a speeding locomotive, sees a sweet baby girl toddling along the track ahead, jams on his emergency brakes, staggering but not halting the heavy trains sweeping down a grade, climbs out of his cabin, down to the cowcatcher in front and scoops up the infant to safety, with just a scant fraction of a second to spare.

Monday it happened in real life, not thirty miles from Raleigh and with more thrills than any moving picture ever had the imagination to put into it. Engineer J. H. Furman was the man; Gertrude Collins, aged three, was the little girl; the Norfolk Southern was the road; Smith's water tank two miles beyond Kipling, toward Fayetteville, was the place. And he had never had time to practice the feat with a sack full of straw instead of a real, live, dimple-faced little girl.

Sees Girl on Track.

Engineer Furman was taking 25 loaded freight cars to Fayetteville, and running at about the usual speed of freight trains. Rounding a sharp curve and going down grade toward the Cape Fear river and Lillington, he saw the little girl walking along and unsteadily down the track. Her back was toward him. With one hand Furman yanked the whistle cord and with the other the emergency brake lever. The child was 75 yards away.

The speed of the train was slackened but the weight of the cars behind thrust it on. Furman saw that it could not stop before it ground the child to bits. Without an instant of hesitation he ran forward on the running board, climbed down on the pilot. The locomotive was within a few feet of the still unheeding child. He reached down and grasped her by the arm and pulled her up to safety. Her worst injury was a slight bruise on the head and a scratched foot. The train was then moving at ten miles an hour.

Mother Had Not Missed Her.

At home half mile away the child's mother had not missed her. She had wandered off toward the railroad, clambered down the steep embankment and then onto the track. Furman stopped the train and began inquiry as to whom the child belonged. With modesty as becoming of a brave man, he retreated before the demonstration of parental joy. Then he went back to write the casual, matter-of-fact reports that railroads keep, and went on Fayetteville-wards.

Furman is 30, married, lives in Boylan Heights and Norfolk Southern officials say the coolest engineer in their employ. When younger he went off to the navy and served out an enlistment period. Then he came back home and went to work with the Norfolk Southern as a fireman. Three years of that and he moved over to the other side of the cab, and has been an engineer since.

UNEMPLOYED IN ENGLAND GIVEN HALF A BILLION

This Sum Has Been Expended by Government in Three Years for Their Relief

London, Sept. 24.—More than half a billion dollars has been expended by the British government in relieving the unemployed since November 11, 1918, Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies told a delegation which visited him yesterday. This expenditure he said was unparalleled in any country in the world.

Members of the British cabinet will consider the unemployment next week and will attempt to reach a final decision relative to measures to be taken and Mr. Churchill said he had every reason to believe special assistance would be given in areas where the problem is exceptionally acute. He expressed himself as being hopeful that the whole question would be solved satisfactorily.

Burning corn instead of coal for fuel this winter is the plan of Minnesota farmers, who are attempting to mature the largest corn crop in the history of the state. With no prospect for a market and with railroads maintaining abnormally high freight rates on both coal and corn, the farmers find this to be the cheapest way out of the difficulty.

GREAT WELCOME GIVEN PERSHING BY FRENCH

Was Met at Sea By French Warship, Which Accompanied Him to Havre.

Havre, Sept. 21.—General John J. Pershing, commander of American armies during the great war, returned to France today. The liner Paris, on which General Pershing crossed the Atlantic, was escorted into the port of Havre this morning by the French battle cruisers Strassburg and Metz, a torpedo boat and ten destroyers. The general stood on the bridge of the Paris as the guest of Captain Maurer, of the liner, and received a noisy and enthusiastic welcome as the vessel steamed up the roads.

Every craft in the harbor, from fishing smacks to palatial liners, dipped their flags and sounded their sirens while the batteries on Cape De La Hev boomed a salute of 21 guns, to which the escorting cruisers responded.

The French squadron met the Paris 60 miles out. A heavy thick fog prevailed and the liner was picked up by means of wireless messages the squadron falling in with the course of the liner and following it by dead reckoning until sunrise when the fog lifted.

Marshal Franchette D'Esprey and a member of his staff and Col. H. Bentley Mott, military attaché at the American embassy in Paris went down the roads in a French line pilot boat to meet the general.

A regiment of infantry lined the quay and a great crowd cheered enthusiastically as General Pershing landed. He was presented with a bouquet of American Beauties by a delegation of school children and was welcomed in the named of the city by Mayor Meuz.

There were only two decorations, the French cross and the insignia of the Legion of Honor. After being welcomed to Havre he went to the railway station where a special car had been placed at his disposal. His train left for Paris at 12:45 o'clock.

Plans for General Pershing's itinerary in France have not been fully completed but he expects to leave for Coblenz on Friday, following a reception in his honor on Thursday evening by M. Barthou, minister of war.

Kentuckian, 43, Weds A 13-Year-Old Girl.

Sergeant, Ky., Sept. 21.—"That love laughs at locksmiths" is proven in the marriage at Neally, a little hamlet below here in Perry county, a day or so ago by James Harrison Caskey, aged 43 a former Virginian to Miss Lillian Fletcher barely 13 years old, a winsome school girl whom he met a few days before. At first parents of the school girl made a bitter protest, but when the "man at the helm" declared he would elope with the girl if parents would not give her up, they consented. The mother, it is said accompanied the groom-to-be to Hazard the county seat to obtain the license the day before the ceremony was performed. Invited guests came from every quarter to witness the unique ceremony and a fine dinner was served. All partook. This was a remarkable wedding according to witnesses.

The bride "tips the beam" at less than ninety pounds. She is winsome, sweet and lovable, a disposition that takes among her friends who are legion. It is said the mother of the child bride is but 27 and she is 14 years older than her daughter, who has just been married. The groom came to this state from Virginia some years ago and since which time he has been employed at a diversity of work in the coal fields. They will go to First Creek to reside where he has employment with one of the coal companies there.

"Just Joking."

Mabel was telling Isabel of the shy young man who had for some months been "gone" on her, but whose suit has languished because he simply hadn't the courage to speak out. Finally, Mabel said, she decided that it was "up to her" to take decisive measures. Accordingly the next time he called she pointed to the carnation in his buttonhole and said: "I'll give you a kiss for that carnation."

Whereupon the bashful suitor's color outdid the carnation in brilliancy, but the exchange was effected. Then the young man grabbed his hat and started to leave the room.

"Where are you going?" demanded Mabel, surprised.

"To the forist's for more carnations," he called out as he shot thru the door-way.—Los Angeles Times.

GERMAN MILITARY SPIRIT

After this country went through with what it did to bring Germany to her senses it is but natural that our people would be interested in that country in many ways. It is well known that the party in that country that is known as the military party is responsible for the world war, and if they could they would again get in power and again build up a great military machine that would endanger the peace of the whole world.

Those who favor a republican form of government are now in power in Germany and are doing all they can to destroy the military spirit. But the old military leaders are fighting hard for the principles they believe in, and they are able to win some victories. They have been able recently to get a bill through their legislative body to exempt from taxation all the property of the one time emperor William. Now this property is valuable beyond the dreams of the average man. It consists of millions of acres of farm and forest lands, factories, castles, towns and all kinds of property in all parts of Germany. All this is the private estate of the one time German emperor and his family, and pays not one cent of tax to the German government. Of course the military party in the country is yet strong or it could not have been able to get such a bill through the law making body, and of course it is not competent to rule the country else it would not have wanted to get through such a measure.

One of the purposes of the Woman's Club is to beautify the town. How to do this is the problem, and it cannot be done without the co-operation of the individual property owner. Of course it takes much effort to make a town what one calls beautiful, and there is no limit to which a people can go in working out the beautiful. Shade trees and well-kept lawns are supposed to go very far towards making a beautiful town. Up in Providence, Rhode Island, the town government keeps a municipal tree nursery and furnishes trees free to any citizen who will plant them on his lawn. Here in our own town there are residence lots in large numbers that would be enhanced in value, to say nothing of the attraction, if a few trees were planted. The average citizen would be at a loss to know where to get a tree if he wanted to plant one without buying it from a nurseryman who would ask a price for it that would stagger many people and prevent them from buying.

Now suppose our women who want the town beautified could get a half acre planted in maple trees and then allow any citizen to have what trees he needed free of all cost. It would evidently mean that hundreds of shade trees would be planted out in the course of a few years and go far to make the town beautiful. And the cost would not be great. Certainly the idea is worth considering.

Made in Carolinas.

Hundreds of dollars worth of manufactured products are represented by the exhibitors in the Made-in-Carolinas exposition being held in Charlotte September 12-29.

More than three thousand different articles are on display, and a large throng was present Monday, which was opening day.

The opening day of the exposition was featured by addresses by Governor Morrison and Col. Hyde Pratt, and a wonderful musical program by New York's \$12,000 city concert band, and an evening concert by five musical artists of New York.

The exposition represents sixty years of industrial growth in the Carolinas and is a wonderful display. No two states in the union have greater diversity of products than North and South Carolina.

This exposition offers the four million residents of these two states their first opportunity to visualize the wonderful story of the industrial achievements of the Carolinas since the devastation of the war between the states.

In Governor Morrison's address on opening day he urged people of North and South Carolina to "trade with each other, for the mutual benefit of both."

Every citizen of the Carolinas who can do so should attend this exposition.

People are so near-sighted these days that beauty of the soul seldom appeals to the modern eye.

Beware of the man who claims to be without fault. Nothing within his reach is safe.

PARENT PROSECUTED FOR NEGLECT OF SONS

Two in Reformatory; Six Others at Home; Warned of Obligation by Court.

Twin-City Sentinel, Sept. 23.

Thru the efforts of the public welfare department a father, residing in Winston-Salem, was carried before the municipal court this morning on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a small son. The son was adjudged a delinquent a few days ago by the judge of the juvenile court and was sent to the reformatory. Another son of the defendant in the case this morning has been in the reformatory for some time.

Probation Officer Watts related heart-rending circumstances in connection with the case. The boy in question, he said, has been roaming the streets for months, sleeping in alleys and in the municipal building when found by officers late at night. Mr. Watts stated that the mother actually said she did not want the boy any more, as it is impossible for her to control him. The father stated this morning that his son has been away from home for two weeks at a time and that he did not know where he was staying. He also said that he had eight boys, two in the reformatory and six at home.

The judge allowed the defendant to go upon payment of the costs. However, he administered a lecture to the father, telling him that another occurrence of this kind will mean a road sentence if the case comes up for trial.

The indictment was brought under section 19, chapter 97, public laws of 1919, which reads as follows:

"A parent, guardian or other person having the custody of a child who omits to exercise reasonable diligence in the care, protection or control of such child, causing it to be adjudged delinquent, neglected, or in need of the care, protection or discipline of the state, as provided in this act or who permits such child to associate with vicious, immoral or criminal persons, or to beg or solicit alms, or to be an habitual truant from school, or to enter any place where gambling is carried on, or to enter any house of prostitution or assignation, or to enter any place which may be injurious to the morals, health, or general welfare of such child, and any such person or any such person who knowingly or wilfully is responsible for, encourages, aids, causes or connives at or who knowingly or wilfully does any act to produce, promote or contribute to the condition which caused such child to be adjudged delinquent, neglected, or in need of the care, protection or discipline of the state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

10,000 People Watch Two Die on Gallows

Crestview, Fla., Sept. 24.—A double execution took place here yesterday when Putnam Ponsell and Jake Martin paid the death penalty for the murder of John Tuggle on July 4 near this place. The trap was sprung at 10 minutes past 12 and the men were pronounced dead in 18 minutes.

A crowd estimated at 10,000 persons had gathered to witness the hanging, which was a public one.

Both Ponsell and Martin admitted their guilt just before the execution and a letter from the mother of John Tuggle was read to the men in which she said that she had forgiven them.

A collection was taken up in the crowd for the benefit of the widow and two children of Ponsell and the widow and one child of Martin, who are destitute, and more than \$1,000 was contributed.

Wealthy Man Buried in Plain Pine Coffin

Wilmington, Sept. 21.—In accordance with his wishes, Dr. D. W. Alderman, of Alcolu, S. C., reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in that section of the state, who died last Friday, was buried at Wells Chapel, in Dublin county, Sunday afternoon in a plain pine box, unpainted and without ornamentation of any kind, according to a letter received from the dead man's son by S. F. Highsmith, deputy collector of customs in this city. The box was made from lumber sawed at the mill of the deceased and was built by a carpenter who had been in the employment of Dr. Alderman for 30 years.

A dense, white smoke screen, more impenetrable to vision than any known, has been invented and demonstrated at Camp Meade. The secret of the new invention is being guarded closely by chemists and army officers directing its use.