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MURDER CASE WILL BE CALLED THIS WEEK

Judge Lyon Will Pass Upon the Guilt or Innocence of Ben Teasley and Will Hurt.

The February term of Granville County Superior Court convened Monday morning with Hon. C. C. Lyon, of Durham, judge presiding. Hon. S. M. Gattis, solicitor, was at his desk early and the court got right down to business.

Judge Lyon condensed his charge to the grand jury by emphasizing only the crimes that are likely to engage their attention. He dwelt at some length upon the laws covering murder, gambling, burglary and the liquor traffic.

The Grand Jury.

The following grand jury was drawn: A. P. Hobgood, foreman; J. C. King, S. B. Currin, J. P. Mize, J. T. Cverton, S. G. Currin, B. D. Johnson, Joe Meadows, B. D. Umstead, N. J. Jones, E. C. Connell, J. N. Adcock, E. D. Gooch, J. H. Perry, R. W. Tillotson, Bernard Dickerson, W. R. Greenway, S. T. Hunt, Capt. Andrew Willford was appointed officer of the grand jury.

Murder Trial.

There can be no doubt that the grand jury will find a true bill against Ben Teasley and Will Hurt, who are charged with the killing of Meriman Young of the farm of Mr. Odey Jenkins three weeks ago. It will be remembered that Merriman Young on his death bed accused Ben Teasley of shooting him. If the grand jury finds a true bill the case will come up either on Thursday evening or next Friday morning. There are fifteen or twenty witnesses in this case and no doubt a large crowd of negroes will be present from the Southern part of the county to hear the sensational testimony.

FUEL REGULATIONS SUSPENDED

State Administrator R. C. Norfleet Issues Order.

Gen. B. S. Royster, Granville county fuel administrator, has received the following notice from Mr. R. C. Norfleet, State fuel administrator:

"By order entered all national, State and local regulations with respect to coal, both anthracite and bituminous, as well as to coke, charcoal and wood produced, sold, shipped, distributed or used after January 31st are suspended except that until further order all Tidewater shipments must go through the Tidewater coal exchange. All contracts are subject to the recent contract order of January seventeenth and the prohibition of shipment of coal for reassignment is continued. No new orders or regulations shall be issued by State or local administrators unless the same have first been submitted to and approved by Washington.

WILL NOT DEMOBILIZE 30TH AT CAMP BRAGG

No Adequate Facilities There for Demobilization. Writes March—Send Division to Jackson.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, wrote Senator Simmons that there are no adequate facilities for the demobilization of the 30th division at Camp Bragg, Fayetteville. General March indicated that the 30th division will be assigned to Camp Jackson for demobilization upon its arrival in the United States. The men will then be sent to the demobilization center in or nearest the state from which the men came for demobilization and discharge.

REDUCE NUMBER OF MISSING

Men in Expeditionary Forces Being Rounded Up.

(Washington Special.)

Last week's casualty report, showing more than 10,000 men of the expeditionary forces missing in action has been corrected to make the total 7,783. General March said Saturday General Pershing had reported the new total and that the figures were being reduced by from 100 to 200 names per day as a result of checking the records in France.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Oxford Tobacco Market Will Close For the Season On Friday, February 28th.

It is officially announced that the Oxford Tobacco market will close for this season on the last day of February, the same being Friday, the 28th.

TABACCO BOARD OF TRADE.

Members of the surgical dressing class who have left aprons, caps, and knitting bags will please call for them at the surgical dressing work room, at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning, February 12th.

MRS. J. C. ROBARDS, Supervisor of Surgical Dressing.

THE THIRTIETH DIVISION IS PROBABLY ON THE HIGH SEAS

A Cablegram From Col. Minor On the Subject.

According to a cablegram from Col. Minor to friends in Durham, the Thirtieth Division is at this very moment on its way home. The cablegram stated that the division "will begin return movement February 6."

A couple of weeks ago Mayor Mitchell appointed a committee to get everything in readiness to receive the home company in good shape. The committee is supposed to collect the necessary funds and to map out a program. Mr. J. Robert Wood is chairman of the committee. Let us hear from you, Mr. Wood.

EXCESS PROFITS TAXES.

Printed Forms Will Be Issued In Few Days.

Collector J. W. Bailey, through Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue, states that there will be no general extension of time beyond March 15th for the filing of returns and for the payment of income and excess profits taxes due on that date.

The forms for the tax returns are being printed and all forms will be in the hands of collectors between February 15th and March 1st.

SHEEP-KILLING DOGS.

A Case Where Patience Ceased to Be a Virtue.

Senator Titus G. Currin has always been an admirer of dogs, but he told the editor of the Public Ledger some time ago that he felt that the time had arrived to draft some kind of a bill that would curtail the dog's depredations to some extent. And in the Senate chamber last week he told his colleagues that he was kindly disposed toward old Col. Dog and that he would favor a bill that would place the dog under restraint but at the same time the bill must be tempered with mercy.

The dogs on Senator Currin's place last week got wind in some way of the attitude of their master in the Senate chamber. They evidently thought that he had double-crossed them, and in retaliation killed every sheep on his handsome farm.

TO CONSERVE DAYLIGHT.

The Clocks Are to Be Set Forward One Hour.

In accordance with the daylight saving bill the clocks throughout the country will be set forward one hour at 1 a. m. the last Sunday in March, and an hour's daylight will be gained for seven months, the clocks being set back again at 1 a. m. the last Sunday in October, it is announced.

Daylight saving proved a success in more ways than one in the United States last year, and it is predicted that its institution will be permanent.

NINETY PER CENT OF THE TOBACCO CROP SOLD

The Oxford Market Will Handle Eleven Million Pounds This Season.

It is estimated that the Oxford market will handle eleven million pounds of tobacco this season, and there are several well-informed tobacco men who estimate that it will go considerably over the eleven million pounds.

At the close of business last Friday the market had sold more than ten million pounds this season. The offerings at present is of very poor quality, and that will account for a slight setback in prices being paid. The better grades sell as high as at any time during the season, but the indications are that the better grades are getting scarce.

It is practically certain that the Granville county crop will bring something like \$5,000,000.

Rev. Billy Going to Greensboro.

Rev. Billy Sunday will be in Greensboro on Monday, February 17, filling a speaking engagement, in the evening, under the auspices of the Myers Minute Men, and for the benefit of the charities which this organization supports.

CIVIL SERVICE MEN WHO ENTERED ARMY REINSTATED

Washington, Feb. 10.—The civil service commission announced that all civil service employes who gave up their positions to enter the army or navy would be reinstated upon being discharged.

We are glad to learn from Judge Graham that Mrs. Graham, who is under medical treatment at a hospital in Richmond, is improving and that she will soon be able to return home.

DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Bill to Tax Warehouses.

Senator Price, of Union, introduced a warehouse bill fixing special license tax of \$100 on all tobacco sales houses selling as much as 1,000,000 pounds; \$200 up to 3,000,000; \$1,000 over 3,000,000 and up to 5,000,000; and \$2,000 for more than 5,000,000.

To Entertain Soldiers.

The bill introduced by Senator Stacy provides for the entertainment of members of the Thirtieth Division. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5,000. The money would be spent for their entertainment in the city near the camp where they would be demobilized. If the division is sent to Camp Jackson the boys will be entertained at Columbia, and if Sevier is designated as the demobilization point the entertainment will be provided in Greenville, South Carolina.

The School Bill.

The school bill introduced in the House was christened in the Senate: "An act to provide ways and means for a six months school in all counties." It provides the annual setting aside of five cents of the ad valorem tax on real and personal property to be distributed from special funds and used solely for aiding counties to maintain the six months term, but subject to sundry conditions: First, that no county shall receive any State aid to maintain this six month term until the commissioners have levied a special county tax of thirty cents in addition to the twenty now levied; that before such aid can be received the Corporation Commission must certify that property in such counties is assumed at a fair and equitable valuation; provided, third, that no county whose per capita valuation is \$1400 and more for each child of school age shall receive aid. Moreover, no county shall receive more money than the equivalent of the annual fifty cents tax on each \$100 valuation, "calculated on the difference between the actual assessed valuation of all its property, and such assessment as would make the per capita valuation equal \$1400. — A budget system is also provided.

CASUALTIES AMONG THE AMERICANS IN ARCHANGEL REGION 409 TO JAN. 31

180 Killed, Dead and Missing; 229 Wounded or Injured; Out of Force of 4,925 Men Engaged.

(Washington Special.)

Total casualties in the American forces in the Archangel region of Russia up to and including January 31, were 180 killed, died of wounds, sickness or from other causes, or missing in action, and 229 wounded or injured making a total casualty list of 409 out of a force that numbered 4,925.

WAR COST \$200,000,000.000.

Writer Estimates Financial Disturbance at \$250,000,000,000.000.

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OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF TAXES FROM THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF THE REVENUE BILL

(Washington Special.)

The following is the re-draft of the six million-dollar war revenue bill as adopted in Conference, passed the House and will be debated by the Senate and will probably be enacted into law this week:

The official estimates of taxes from various sources as provided in the bill follow:

Income Tax.	
Individual	\$1,432,000,000
Corporation	775,000,000
Excess Profit Tax	2,500,000,000
Estate Tax	110,000,000
Transportation.	
Freight	115,000,000
Express	14,000,000
Persons	75,000,000
Oil by Pipe Lines	5,000,000
Seats and Berths	6,000,000
Telegraph and Telephone	16,000,000
Insurance	14,000,000
Admissions	50,000,000
Club Dues	3,500,000
Excise Taxes.	
Automobiles, etc.	50,000,000
Jewelry, Sporting Goods, etc.	41,200,000
Other Taxes on Luxuries at 10 per cent.	14,500,000
Yachts and Pleasure Boats	250,000
Beverages	450,000,000
Stamp Taxes	31,000,000
Tobacco.	
Cigars	43,000,000
Sigarettes	106,500,000
Tobacco	61,000,000
Snuff, etc.	6,000,000
Leaf Tobacco Dealers	20,000
Cigarette Papers and Tubes	1,000,000
Special Taxes.	
Capital Stock	80,000,000
Brokers	1,000,000
Theatres, etc.	2,000,000
Bowling Alleys, Billiard and Pool Tables	1,900,000
Shooting Galleries	10,000
Riding Academies	10,000
Manufacturers of Tobacco	50,000
Manufacturers of Cigars	640,000
Manufacturers of Sigarettes	180,000
Automobiles for Hire	350,000
Use of Motor Boats, Yachts, etc.	1,000,000
Floor Stock Tax	50,000,000

FAIR GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS ADVERTISED FOR SALE

They Will Be Sold At Public Auction Monday, March 10.

To satisfy outstanding obligations, the Granville County Agricultural Society will sell the fair grounds and buildings to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Oxford at noon Monday, March 10.

It is all right to sell the property and wipe out the debt, but it is poor policy to abandon the fair. It has been a great benefit to the county, and despite poor management it has been a financial success.

We speak advisedly. The original investment was only about \$1,500; the association kept it going for six or seven years, adding a little here and a little there each year, and today it is one of the handsomest fair ground plants in the state, and it is worth every cent of \$10,000 to any man who will buy it and operate it along business lines.

We have no fault to find with the numerous secretaries who managed to keep the fair on its feet for several years. Their sphere of usefulness was circumscribed by a lot of bosses who knew no more about conducting a fair than a ten year old boy.

We actually heard one of the directors state that he was opposed to charging an admission fee. He advocated a six day event and thought that a collection from the crowd would more than pay the expenses. He believed that a large arbor should be built on the grounds and that one of the features of the fair should be an old-time camp meeting and that the tunes should be set to "do-ra-me" music.

The trouble of the Granville county fair was that the directors could not find any one who would take hold and make it a success. And the only way it can be made a success is for four or five men to purchase the plant and operate the fair along business lines. It is a very simple matter to make the fair a success. You must have the exhibits and you must have the crowd. How will you get the crowd? Listen, we will suggest one feature that would more than pay all of the expense, namely: Have an old-time fiddlers convention and invite all of the fiddlers in Granville and adjoining counties. Everybody within a radius of fifty miles would be here to hear that one tune, especially if it was accompanied by the Confederate yell.

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HOUSE VOTES TO ABOLISH STATE PRISON AT RALEIGH

The Old Penitentiary To Be Cleared and Room Made For Insane.

The House of Representatives Friday passed without a dissenting vote the McCain bill to remove all state convicts from central prison at Raleigh to the state farm and convert the \$1,500,000 central prison into a hospital to provide quarters for 1,000 insane patients from central hospital.

Brummit Removes His Kid Gloves.

Evidently, opposition was anticipated several members speaking from the force of striking convictions on the subject. The House was determined to put it through, however, for Speaker Brummitt swapped the chair for the floor and was ready to take a hand in the debate if opposition developed.

Everything Will Be Moved.

Everything connected with the prison save the grounds and buildings will be carried down to Caloconia farm in Halifax. Even the death dealing electrical machinery will go out with it 130 prisoners, the guards, clerks, officials and records. It is probable that one wing of the prison will be kept for the confinement of patients to whom the climate of Eastern Carolina might prove detrimental.

Will Use Building Fund.

With the transfer of the property to the State Hospital, provision is made for the money appropriated for building purposes during the last session to be used in remodeling and repairing the prison buildings to house the insane.

More Room for the Insane.

By the Bryant-McCain bill, room will be made for the State to care for an additional thousand defectives. The doors will be opened to hundreds of insane men and women in the State who have been clamoring for admission and a hope held out for their restoration. By it, also, room will be made for the more promising inmates at the Caswell school in order that more room be had in that institution for abnormals.

MAILS FORMS TO ALL STATE TOBACCO AGENTS

Remittance of Tax Due Under The New Law.

In anticipation of the early passage of the revenue bill, Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey has mailed tobacco floor tax inventory forms to retailers of tobacco, cigars, snuff, and cigarettes throughout the 56 counties in the eastern district of North Carolina.

The day following the passage of the revenue bill, an inventory must be made of all manufactured tobacco products on hand so that the same may be verified by deputy collectors who will canvass every county in the district for this purpose.

Within 30 days from the passage of the act, sworn returns on forms which will be furnished in a few days accompanied by original inventory, must be mailed to Collector Bailey with remittance of tax due under the new law. Penalties are provided for failure to make returns within the time prescribed.

WHO CAUSED THE WAR?

Commission Appointed to Answer This Question.

(Paris Special.)

What individual, group or faction was responsible for starting the world war? What part did the ex-kaiser play in instigating it? The peace conference has named a committee to answer these questions, so that punishment may be meted out to the offenders. The committee is composed of six men, as follows:

Secretary of State Lansing, United States; Sir Gordon Hewart, Great Britain; Andre Tardieu, France; Ferdinand Larnaude, France; and Viterio-Scialoja and Deputy Baimondo, Italy.

POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE

Fifty-eight Per Cent More Than One Year Ago.

An increase of 58 per cent in poultry held in cold storage on January 1, 1919, compared with stocks on the same date last year is shown by the cold storage report of the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture. Total stocks on January 1, 1919, reported by 334 storages, were 106,917,290 pounds. Present stocks are about 15 per cent smaller than on January 1, 1917, when holdings were unusually large. An increase of 62.4 per cent in fowls held in cold storage on January 1 of this year compared to a year ago is shown by the report, while percentage increases in other classes of poultry are given as: Broilers, 48.6; roasters, 51.2; turkeys, 57.9; and miscellaneous poultry, 67.3 per cent.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR GARDNER SPENDS SUNDAY IN OXFORD

There Was No Political Significance Attached to His Visit.

Desiring to rest and be among the best people in the state, Lt. Governor O. Max Gardner came over from Raleigh last Saturday evening and spent a night and a day in Oxford. Being somewhat fatigued from the strenuous duties as president of the senate, the high state official was immediately escorted to the elegant home of Mr. B. W. Parham, where members of the Oxford bar and a number of personal friends called later in the evening to dine and pass a pleasant hour in congenial company.

If there was any political significance in the visit of Lt. Governor Gardner, who is an acknowledged candidate for governor, it was not manifested here. He came in "like a lamb and departed like a lion," or, in other words his rest did him good and he was a much larger man in the estimation of the people when he departed than when he came.

Lt. Governor Gardner is a splendid church worker. On invitation of Judge Devin, he addressed the Oxford Baraca class Sunday morning, and one would seldom hear more wisdom crowded into twenty minutes. He made such a profound impression in the Baraca room there was an insistent demand for his appearance before the whole Sunday school, and here, too, he was received with open hearts. In the afternoon he spoke to the children of the Oxford Orphanage.

It is well to keep history straight. There appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer an account of Lt. Governor Gardner's visit to Oxford, which seems to smack of politics and in that particular is overdrawn and misleading. Read it:

"Lieutenant Governor Gardner and Speaker Brummitt were guests last night of the Granville county Democratic executive committee at a banquet in Oxford. The affair was quite an elaborate one and attended by members of the executive committee and leading Democrats of Granville, including Senator Currin, who returned home with the two presiding officers for the banquet. Addresses were delivered by the Lieutenant Governor, Chairman B. W. Parham, Speaker Brummitt and Senator Currin."

THE RED CROSS MUST GO ON.

The Local Chapter Has Important Work In Hand.

The Granville County Chapter has accepted several large allotments of refugee garments which are urgently needed, and the ladies of the town and county are asked to assist in making these garments. For the past several weeks only a few ladies have been going to the work rooms, and it will be impossible to finish the work on hand without more workers. This is very important Red Cross work, and the local chapter is anxious to do its full share, but the work can not be completed unless a large number of ladies visit the Main street work room, and take a part in this work. It is hoped, that the ladies will respond heartily to this urgent appeal.

Obviously, ample scope for Red Cross effort will remain after the last war victim has been succored. Before the war, for that matter, the Red Cross was doing not a little humanitarian work day in and day out, notably in the way of nursing, cooperating in the prevention of industrial accidents and promoting health education among the people. This work in kindred effort should now be intensified and extended, for the sake of both of those among our millions who need to be helped and of those who will benefit in sharing in the helping. It would in truth be a sad mistake if after the war the Red Cross were permitted to fade to a mere shadow of its splendid self.

OUR SHIP TO STEAM

UP RHINE TO BRING SOLDIERS BACK HOME

Only a Few Cases of Influenza Among Our Troops.

(Paris Special.)

American ships will soon steam up the Rhine, using Rotterdam as a base. It is announced that the transport of Americans to their homes is progressing rapidly, and that during February the number of Americans would be increased greatly. The soldiers in the occupied territory show willingness to re-enter the war if it were necessary.

The number of cases of influenza among the troops is negligible. The excellent physical standards set by the army guaranteed the men against disagreeable effects from the climate and the effects of the campaign.