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## JAILER JOHN LOWRY SENTENCED TO JAIL

Gets Thirty Days For Contempt In Holding Up The Grand Jury—Points Out Two Men He Said He Feared As Having Been In Mob Seeking Negro—Both Men Deny It—Judge Connor Remarked That The Situation Is Serious In Vance.

Jailer John Lowry, cited by Judge George W. Connor in superior court to show cause why he should not be attached for contempt of court, was sentenced to thirty days imprisonment in the common jail of Vance county by Judge Connor after the evidence in the case had been heard Friday morning. Lowry, through his attorney, T. M. Pittman, made answer to the charges, and sought to explain his conduct, and in doing so rung in the names of two of the grand jurors as having been recognized as members of a crowd that he said came there several years ago after a prisoner for the purpose of lynching him. When given an opportunity to answer, both men denied the allegation.

Lowry was allowed his liberty under a \$100 bond for a few days in order to move his family and household goods away from the house on the jail property occupied by the jailer.

In his answer, Lowry said that he had no purpose to show any disrespect to the court or defiance of its authority, nor "any purpose to obstruct or impede the due administration of the law" by the grand jury.

Lowry maintained that when the jury came to the jail and demanded admission as the grand jury, he inquired for the foreman, who was not there. He then asked for the acting foreman, "and a gentleman who was a little distance off was indicated." The defendant declared that "I also noticed in the group two or three persons whom I recognized as having some time previously constituted part of a mob who came to the jail one night demanding a prisoner for the purpose of lynching him."

Judge Connor asked for an elaboration of the statement with regard to recognizing men on the grand jury who had been in a mob. He asked the grand jury for statements if such men were among its members. There were no responses, and Lowry was asked to point out men to whom he had reference. He called the names of W. L. Scoggins and Tom R. Kelly. Both denied the allegation, and Scoggins stated that he had not been to the jail for years prior to Wednesday afternoon. Kelly admitted that he did go to the jail on the night Austin Green was being held there after he had shot Miss Jessie Roth, but said that he was in no way implicated with a mob seeking the negro to lynch him, and declared that he had not encouraged any one so inclined.

Lowry offered "sincere apologies to Your Honor and the grand jury for my rudeness and seeming disrespect, I pray that the same and this statement may be accepted as satisfactory."

Continuing, the answer, which was read by Lowry's counsel, said: "Under these circumstances I feel that I ought not longer to hold the position as jailer. The sheriff is absent from the city, so that I cannot offer my resignation direct to that officer. I submit it to Your Honor that such steps may be taken as seem proper for supplying my place."

Judge Connor released the grand jury to return to its deliberations, and announced his readiness to give his decision. He found that Lowry had been disorderly, had interfered with the grand jury, was intoxicated that he came into the register of deeds office and flourished a pistol, declaring that it was with that weapon he had held up the jury.

Judge Connor remarked that the situation in Vance county was a pretty serious one. He expressed publicly and openly his personal and official appreciation of the commendable manner in which Deputy Sheriff J. C. Champion had acted during the week, declaring that he realized he had been in an embarrassing position, but that he had conducted his office in a most admirable manner.

The grand jury desired it to be known that an error had been made in the statement that they "held up their hands" when Jailer Lowry pulled his pistol on them. It was stated that they did not "throw up their hands."

## FIRST PUBLIC SALE OF CANNED GOODS

No Offer Will Be Received For Less Than Carload Lots.

Washington, June 23.—The first public sale of canned foodstuffs will be held June 30 when sealed bids will be opened for great quantities of corn, peas, baked beans and stringless beans at the zone supply office in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, Fort Sam Houston, El Paso, Omaha, and San Francisco. No offer will be received for less than a carload lot, and the surplus existing in each zone will be offered for sale in that zone.

## SWEET PEACE REIGNS ON EARTH AGAIN.

### Germany Accepts the Peace Treaty Unconditionally and Will Sign Thursday.

PARIS, June 23.—The German Government at Weimar has formally communicated its willingness to sign the peace terms unconditionally. The day and hour for the formal signing of the treaty is uncertain. The signing possibly will take place Thursday, but more likely on Friday.

The Italian delegates at present in Paris have been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy.

### German "Honor"

In declaring its intention to accept and sign the peace terms, the government of the German republic has sent the following note to M. Clemenceau, president of the peace conference:

"Yielding to superior force and without renouncing in the meantime its own view of the unheard of injustice of the peace conditions, the government of the German republic declares that it is ready to accept and sign the peace conditions imposed.

"Please accept, Mr. President, assurance of my high consideration.

(Signed)

"VON HANIEL."

## THE GERMANS HAVE DECIDED TO SIGN THE PEACE TREATY THIS WEEK.

Arrangements Are Being Made at Versailles for the Signatures of One Hundred Delegates.

(Paris Special)

Germany will sign the peace treaty of the allied and associated powers. The National Assembly by vote of 237 to 138 decided to sign. The assembly also voted confidence in the new government of Herr Bauer 236 to 89 on which sixty-eight members abstained from voting.

Before the vote of confidence was taken, Herr Bauer, the new premier, declared that the government would sign the treaty, but without acknowledging the responsibility of the German people for the war and without accepting the obligations contained in articles 227 to 230 in the treaty relating to the trial of the former Emperor and the extradition of other German personages.

## TAKE HOUR AND HALF TO SIGN

Fronting M. Clemenceau's presidential chair will be placed a small table, on which the diplomatic instruments will be laid. It will be to this table that each representative is called in alphabetical order to sign his name to the treaty and affix to it his government seal. As there are 100 delegates, the ceremony is expected to take at least ninety minutes.

The ceremony is not likely to occur before Thursday of this week.

## TEXT OF PROTOCOL

A protocol to be added to the peace treaty, explanatory of the six points raised by the Germans reads:

"FIRST—A commission will be named by the Allied and Associated Governments to supervise the demolition of the fortifications of Helgoland in conformity with the treaty. This commission will be empowered to decide what part of the constructions protecting the coast from erosion should be preserved and what part demolished.

"SECOND—The sums which Germany will have to refund to its citizens to indemnify them for interests they may be found to have in the railroads and mines, referred to in paragraph 2, Article 156, shall be placed to the credit of Germany on account of the sums due for reparations.

"THIRD—A list of the persons whom, according to Article 228, paragraph 2, Germany must surrender to the powers will be sent to the German government during the month following the putting into force of the treaty.

"FOURTH—The commission on reparations, provided for by Article 240 and paragraph 2, 3 and 4 of annex 4, cannot exact divulgence of secrets of manufacture or confidential information.

"FIFTH—From the signature of peace and in the four months following, Germany will have an opportunity of presenting for the examination of the powers documents and propositions, with a view to hastening the work relating to reparations, thus shortening the investigations and hastening decisions.

"SIXTH—Prosecutions will be exercised against those committing criminal acts in connection with the liquidation of German property and the powers will receive any information and proofs that the German government shall be in a position to supply on this subject."

## FUNERAL DIRECTORS CLOSE ANNUAL MEETING AT BEACH

Mr. J. Robt. Wood, of Oxford, Elected Vice-President (Wilmington Star.)

With the election of J. P. Honeycutt, of Albemarle as president and the naming of Charlotte as the next annual convention place, the 20th meeting of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers' Association came to a close at Wrightsville Beach last week.

Other officers selected are: J. D. Underwood, Smithfield; J. H. Blue, Greensboro, and J. R. Wood, Oxford, vice-presidents; W. H. Volger, Winston-Salem, secretary and treasurer.

## SENATORS PROVIDE FOR ARMY OF 400,000 MEN

Military Subcommittee Tentatively Agrees On Appropriation Bill for That Number. (Washington Special.)

Provision in the army appropriation bill for maintenance of an army of 400,000 officers and men during the next fiscal year was tentatively agreed on by the senate military subcommittee. The house bill, which was before the committee, reduced the size of the temporary army of 509,000 officers and men requested by the war department of 300,000.

## GERMAN BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS SINK WHEN CREWS OPEN SEACOCKS

Act Perpetrated by German Officers and Sailors on Very Day The Ministry under Scheidemann Gives Way to New Ministry Under Bauer, for Purposes of Meeting Allied Demands With Respect to Peace Treaty. (Associated Press.)

On Saturday, the very day on which the German ministry under Premier Scheidemann was giving way at Berlin to a new ministry under the premiership of Herr Bauer, for the purpose of meeting the allied demands with respect to the peace treaty, the German officers and crew of the German warships interned at Scapa Flow opened the seacocks of the vessels. Many of the larger vessels—battleships and cruisers—were sent to the bottom. Some of the smaller craft were beached. Only a very few remain afloat.

German Highseas Fleet. When the German highseas fleet surrendered last November and was taken to Scapa Flow, it comprised nine battleships, five battle cruisers, seven light cruisers and 50 destroyers.

Killed and Wounded. Under the terms of the armistice, according to the British admiralty, these interned vessels were manned only by Germans. When the ships were settling deep, the Germans took to the boats, some of which, refusing to surrender, were shelled and a number of the Germans killed or wounded.

The New Cabinet. The new German cabinet includes Dr. Eduard David, formerly president of the assembly, Mathias Erzberger, head of the armistice commission, and Gustav Noske, minister of national defense.

## MANY WAREHOUSES TO HANDLE TOBACCO TO OPEN THIS YEAR

More Charters Issued for Tobacco Warehouses Than Ever Before. (Our Raleigh Letter)

Judged by the large number of charters issued for tobacco warehouses and reports which are being brought to Raleigh by tobacco men who have been in the eastern part of the State, North Carolina stands a fine chance of breaking previous records in the tobacco crop which is now on the hill. The secretary of State has never before issued such a large number of charters for warehouses in the same length of time as he has issued during the past spring.

Will Fight For Trade. In addition to new houses opening in many of the old markets there are an increasingly large number of new markets springing up all over eastern North Carolina. These will make a fight for the trade, but it is not expected that they will materially cut down the sales at the older markets, for the new houses are being opened to take care of the new sections of the state which are planting tobacco this year.

Prospects of High Prices. Two reasons are assigned by tobacco men for this increase in the crop. One of course, is the prospects for high prices. Tobacco made new records for prices last year, and the tobacco farmer who had luck with his crop and put it on the warehouse floors in good condition came out of the year's work with a nice profit to his credit. In addition to the prospects of high prices, the crop was increased this year as the natural result of a reduction in the amount of cotton planted. All cotton land, of course, does not do well with tobacco, but in certain sections of the State there are farms which produce both cotton and tobacco. In instances where the farmers have lopped off their cotton acreage as a result of the reduction campaign, they have turned their attention to other crops, and tobacco came in for its share.

Fine Crop. Tobacco men passing through Raleigh from the eastern part of the state, and from the South Carolina tobacco sections say that the crop is in fine condition now and barring unfavorable weather conditions between now and cutting time a fine crop will be produced. The South Carolina markets, which open the second week in July, will carry a large number of North Carolina buyers there for the six weeks, and before that season is over the markets in eastern North Carolina will be opened.

—See Billy Parsons at the Orpheum Theatre Friday night and grow fat.

## NO PARTY DARES STAND AGAINST THE LEAGUE PLAN

So Hitchcock Declares, and Predicts Ratification—Borah Threatens to Quit Party Unless It Takes More Definite Negative Stand.

Washington, June 22.—The League of nations controversy in the Senate is accepted as overshadowing the lines into which the final ratification fight may fall.

Elliott Root, secretary of state under President Roosevelt, laid before the foreign relations committee a program for acceptance of the league with certain reservations.

Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, gave notice in a senate speech Saturday that he could not remain in the republican party if it failed to take a more definite stand against the league.

Senator Hitchcock, democrat, of Nebraska, replied that no party dared stand against the league proposal and declared the covenant was assured of ratification by republican votes.

## WHERE DID THE OXFORD PEOPLE COME FROM

The Majority of Them Came From The Farms and They Are Proud Of It.

Did you know that there are a lot of people out in the rural districts of Granville county who say that the town folks are "mighty stuck up?" To be sure, there are a few here who are "stuck up" and have the "swell-head," but they should not be taken seriously, and if let alone the species will die out in a few years.

It is estimated that fifty per cent of the persons now living in Oxford were born on farms; 21 per cent are children of farmers and mothers born on farms; 17 per cent are grandchildren of farmers and the remaining 12 per cent are great-grandchildren of farmers.

If the people of Oxford have any one thing more than another to be thankful for it is that the rural districts of Granville county has the right kind of stock from which to replenish the old town.

There are not more than a half dozen people in Oxford fifty years of age who were born here.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEERING TO BE TAUGHT

To Meet Growing Demand for Highway Engineers, State College Has Created This New Course.

West Raleigh, N. C., June 22.—To meet the great and growing demand for competent highway engineers in North Carolina, the State College has created a new department of highway engineering. The present demand for such a course is emphasized by the fact that all of this year's graduates in civil engineering are going into state highway work. Captain Harry Tucker, 105th Engineers, who recently returned from France, will head the new department, as associate professor of highway engineering.

This department will be a subdivision of the civil engineering department. The first three years of the course will be practically identical with that of civil engineering, but in the senior year the subjects of least importance will be omitted or abridged and the resulting time devoted to specialized courses in highway engineering. These courses are to be such that the student who specializes in highway engineering will receive a well balanced training along the lines of general civil engineering at the same time.

## EPIDEMIC OF WHOOPING COUGH IN GRANVILLE

Some People Will Probably Be Fined For Violation Of The Law.

There is too much whooping cough in Granville county. This is due to the neglect of the doctor or householder to report this disease, which is one of the most dangerous of the reportable and quarantinable diseases.

It is also due to the householder's failure to observe the quarantine regulations after they are instituted. Unless these cases are reported and unless they are kept under quarantine, warrants will be issued and some people will be fined for violation of the law.

S. H. CANNADY, M. D., Quarantine Officer.

—Oxford has been treated to more unfounded gossip during the last six weeks than in any similar period in a century.

## A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE VAST THROGG.

Thousands of People Are Gathered Here to Celebrate the Annual Festive of St. John.

On account of inclement weather the attendance upon the annual celebration of St. John's Day is not as large as on former occasions.

Excursion Trains. A special train left Greensboro at 6 o'clock this morning and one train from Goldsboro left at the same hour, making close connections at Durham where a special train to Oxford and Southern, too operated a special to Durham. The Seaboard also brought in a large number from points north and south of Henderson and from stations along the Oxford-Durham road.

The Speakers. Col. Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, will deliver the principal address. He takes the place of Past Grand Master Claude L. Pridgen, who is kept from the annual Masonic pilgrimage to Oxford on St. John's Day by illness in Waldo, Fla.

Judge William A. Devin, who will deliver the address of welcome, and Judge Francis D. Winston, chosen by the Grand Lodge committee to present Gen. B. S. Royster a token of esteem of the Grand Lodge for his fine services to the Orphanage, complete a trio of speakers, any one of whom will be worth coming miles to hear.

## CHARMING TAR HEEL GIRL WITH TROOPS

Miss Anne Browne, of Warren County, Lands in Charleston.

(Charleston News and Observer.) One landing at Charleston since the troops began debarking at this port was Miss Anne Browne, of the Martha Washington Wednesday. Miss Browne came over with three other young ladies who abbeedET other young ladies who had been serving as Y. M. C. A. secretaries overseas with the 81st division. Miss Browne is from Warren county, North Carolina.

These four Y. M. C. A. secretaries were the only lady passengers aboard the Martha Washington. They wore the regulation "Y" uniform and carried insignia of the division—the wild cat on the shoulder. Those in the party besides Miss Browne were: Miss Mary Parmele, of Pittsburg; Helen B. Woodman, of Lawrence, Mass., and Miss Bertha Howell, of Chicago.

Miss Browne was especially enthusiastic in speaking of the work she and her friends were engaged in overseas. She said they acted as hut secretaries and had all they could do to cover the wide territory to which they were assigned. They moved when the troops moved and had many interesting stories to tell concerning their experience in France.

## THE LAW SHOULD STOP PUGILISTS FROM FIGHTING

Three Hundred Special Trains Going To The Dempsey-Willard Fight.

Toledo, Ohio, June 23.—No less than three hundred special trains will be run to Toledo for the heavyweight championship contest between Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard on July 4. Besides the railroads most of the lake steamship companies are planning to run special boats here and anchor in Maumee Bay.

## JOHN GRAHAM WEBB SAILS FOR ROTTERDAM

Martha Washington Leaves Charleston Wednesday Loaded With German Prisoners.

John Graham Webb, son of Mr. John Webb, who is a member of the Martha Washington crew, reached Charleston last week with a unit of the 81st division.

He wired his parents that his ship will sail Wednesday from the port of Charleston to Rotterdam loaded with interned German prisoners.

## LIVING COSTS TO STAY UP.

Board of Trades Sees Long Period of High Prices Ahead.

That there is no indication of an early recession of the high cost of living and that business should prepare itself for a prolonged period of high prices and adapt its plans for trade expansion accordingly, is the forecast of the Chicago, New York and Philadelphia boards of trades.

"Data prepared by members of the various boards," says the statement, "lead to the conclusion that so widespread has been the disturbance and the upheaval so deep-seated in the body politic, that the readjustment period will require a generation.