

Night Riders Stand Trial

PUBLIC FEELING DIVIDED.

The Charge Against the Men is Brutal Murder of Captain Quentin Rankin—Union City Crowded With Inhabitants of Reel Foot Lake Section and State Troops—Further Bloodshed is Feared.

Union City, Tenn. 14.—Late today eight men, alleged leaders of the Night Rider band of Reel Foot Lake, will be placed on trial for their lives, charged with the putting to death of Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney of Trenton, Tenn., the culminating act of a series of outlawry so high handed as to call forth the mustering of militia to aid the civil authorities in hunting down and the prosecution of the members of the clan.

By the end of the week the hearing promises to be well under way. Whether the court procedure shall be conducted in order or whether further bloodshed shall occur during the heat of the legal battle is considered uncertain.

From Reel Foot Lake and other strongholds of the clan men are pouring into Union City in numbers, with their sympathies going out to those of their friends on trial or held in jail, while the state has well organized its forces determined to put down any possible outbreak in its incipency.

As to public feeling it is well divided.

The men placed on trial today, who when formerly arraigned last week, declared themselves not guilty, are Garret, Johnson, Sam Applewhite, Roy Ransom, Bud Morris, Red Picken, Arthur Cload, Lid Burton and Bob Huffman.

NEGRO BOY ELECTROCUTED.

Plays With Electric Wires on the Biltmore Estate and Receives 2,300 Volts in His Body With Fatal Results.

Asheville, Dec. 14.—Jesse Johnson, a negro boy, was electrocuted on the Biltmore Estate this afternoon by coming in contact with an electric light wire of 2,300 volts. It seems that the negro, who father died at the Mission Hospital two weeks ago from the effects of an operation, was above the shops with another boy or two when he secured a copper wire and climbing a pole threw one end of the wire over the current wire. He slid down the pole and going to where an end of the copper wire was dangling from the electric light wire caught hold of it. He instantly fell to the ground with 2,300 volts of electricity passing through his body. Help was quickly summoned and the wire cut. Efforts of physicians to save the boy's life were in vain. It is said that the boy had no business on the estate and that he lost his life as a result of his own acts.

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Notice. If you discard all idea of getting something genuine for the cost of something spurious—then why can't we "get together" as to the price. See Bob Henry.

President Says He Stands Pat

SENDS A SPECIAL MESSAGE.

He Reiterates His former Declaration That the Shooting was Done by the Colored Soldiers and Says Subsequent Events Have Shown That His First Diagnosis Was Correct Beyond any Possibility of Doubt.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt, in a special message to Congress today, accompanying the report of Investigator Browne into the shooting up of Brownsville, reiterates his former declaration that the shooting was done by colored soldiers "has been established beyond any possibility of doubt."

He again recommends the passage of a law offering discharged soldiers the opportunity to reenlist if they clear themselves of the responsibility for the murderous attack. The President says in order to separate "the less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous" he believes there was hardly any innocent among the colored men at Fort Brown.

Sam Carlton is Caught

Sam Carlton, colored, who some months ago burned the barn of Wm. McLelland, colored, in this city, has been caught in Chicago.

Sheriff Ward this afternoon received a message stating that he was being held in that city awaiting further orders.

Some one, probably Sheriff Ward, will go to Chicago at once to get Carlton.

The citizens of Statesville well remember the facts connected with this crime, as it caused sensation around here. Carlton was under a \$1,000 bond for his appearance at court when he skipped.

CALLED TO PREACH.

An Iredell Farmer Has a Call From Above to go and Preach—Is Selling Out His Worldly Goods to Pursue That Course.

Mr. J. R. Reaves who lives down near Shinnville, this county, has announced that he has been called by the Lord to go and preach the gospel and in pursuance of that command, he is today selling off his worldly goods to take up the study. He will enter the Methodist ministry at once.

Our new sheriff, Mr. J. M. Deaton is acting auctioneer for Mr. Reaves.

The Bazaar Thursday.

The young Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church are making some very elaborate arrangements for the bazaar to be given for the Methodist church on next Thursday afternoon and night.

The bazaar is to be held in the court house, the proceeds to go to lighting the new Broad Street Methodist church.

A nice assortment of fancy articles, suitable for the holiday gifts will be sold, also refreshments and lunches will be served.

All the business men of the city are urged to take their meals and lunches with these young ladies in the afternoon.

Son Born to Wife of Early

THE CHILD HAS NO DISEASE.

Mrs. Early Had Been in New Home Only 48 Hours When it Was Born—Doctors Say it Has no Signs of Dread Disease.

A dispatch sent out from Washington says:

"It is stated at the health office today that a son was born last Friday to Mrs. Lotta Early, wife of John R. Early, the North Carolina leper. The child, according to the physician of the health department who attended Mrs. Early, bears every mark of good health and excellent formation. There is no suspicion of a sign that would indicate the presence of the disease, the physician said, and added that according to medical science there is no reason why the disease should have been conveyed to the child.

"Mr. Early had not been in her new home furnished by the district government more than forty-eight hours before the arrival of the child. The cottage provided for her is close to one provided for her husband on the Washington asylum grounds. Early is not allowed to leave certain bounds established for him, and there is a certain restriction placed around Mrs. Early's contact with the outside world."

YOUNG LADY TAKES POISON

Miss Allie Cole Attempts Suicide by Swallowing Antiseptic Disk. But is Restored.

Greensboro, Dec. 15.—Sunday night about 8 o'clock, Miss Allie Cole, a diner in Clegg's up-town cafe, quietly informed two young men sitting near her that she had taken some antiseptic disks in an attempt to commit suicide and fearing that blame might attach to some one else, she wished to inform them that she did so of her own will and desire.

Dr. Thomas R. Little was called and he had the young woman removed to his office, where by successful use of the stomach pump and restoratives, he soon had Miss Cole out of danger.

The young woman appeared on the streets yesterday morning apparently none the worse off for her experience. Miss Cole lives in North Greene street and is employed in C. T. Hagan's china store, 215 South Elm street. She gives no reason for the attempt to destroy her own life.

Big Sale Today.

The Wilhelm property consisting of some land on the Buffalo shoals and the Wilhelm store building on Broad street were sold at public auction today.

Dr. Wilhelm of Eufola bought the property at Buffalo shoals, his bid being \$1,000.

The store on Broad street was bid off by Mr. Eugene Morrison his bid being \$7,000.

These bids remain open for an increase.

Day after day he walked the street, Looking for a present for "wifey" sweet— "I know what'll please her most," said he; "It's Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea."—Statesville Drug Co.

Mr. L. C. Caldwell is in Greensboro on business.

1908 Was Big Farm Year

\$621,000,000 WORTH OF HAY.

\$7,778,000,000 Worth of Products, Greatest Total in History—386,000,000 Feet of Lumber Sold During the Year.

Washington, Dec. 13.—An idea of what it means by the familiar statement of several months past that "this has been a great crop year," may be appreciated in the annual report of the United States Department of agriculture which was made public today by Secretary Wilson.

The value of all farms products during the past year reached the greatest total in history—\$7,778,000,000.

"This," says the report, "is about four times the value of the products of the mines, including mineral oils and precious metals. The farmer contributes 87 per cent of the material used in those manufacturing industries which depend mostly or considerably upon agricultural materials, and these industries use 42 per cent of all materials used in all industries.

"The gain in value of farm products in 1908 over 1907 is \$290,000,000 and would have been much larger had not the prices of cotton and hay been low.

"The greatest hay crop in history has been gathered this year, 68,000,000 tons, are 12 per cent above the average of the preceding five years. Its price is \$2 a ton less than it was a year ago, but still the value of the crop is \$621,000,000, or 6 per cent above the five year average.

"Wheat is 1 1/2 per cent above the five year average in production and 23 per cent above in total value. The 660,000,000 bushels of his crop are estimated to be worth \$620,000,000 to the farmers or \$66,000,000 more than the most valuable wheat crop heretofore produced.

"Although the farmer gets hardly 20 cent a pound for his butter, between 3 and 4 cent a quart for his milk and about 1 1/2 cent an egg, yet the value of the products of the dairy cow is close to \$800,000,000 and the value of the eggs are doubly produced on the farm is worth as much as the cotton crop. seed included, or the hay crop or the wheat crop. The value of agricultural exports was \$1,017,000,000.

"The number of national forests is now 180, and the total area 168,000,000 acres. At \$2 per thousand feet stumpage the timber standing in those forests is worth \$800,000,000. These forests contain one-fifth of the standing merchantable timber of the country.

"During the year 386,000,000 feet of timber were sold from the national forests, but the Government got only \$850,000. The grazing privileges in the reservations returned \$1,000,000.

New Telegraph Office.

The postal telegraph company opened their new office in the new Mills building yesterday.

They will be ready for business tomorrow sometime, as their wires are not in working trim yet and this deficit will have to be remedied.

Mr. Sloop of Salisbury will be the manager at this office.

Hancock Is At Winston

HE WILL PLEAD INSANITY.

L. G. Hancock Who Stole Over \$2,500 From The Lamb-Fish Company, Tells a Strange Story Doesn't Remember Leaving Winston nor Anything Until he Reached Honolulu.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 14.—Chief of Police Thomas and Patrolman Thompson arrived here last evening from San Francisco, bringing with them L. G. Hancock, who stands charged with embezzling over \$2,500 while manager of the Lamp-Fish Box Company here.

Hancock led a fast life for several weeks prior to his departure in October, drinking and treating his friends to champagne and fine wines.

The Lamb-Fish Company employed detectives who traced Hancock to San Francisco where he was arrested four weeks ago. His plea is ignor of wrong doing. He claims he knew nothing about leaving here or taking any money. He says he never came to himself until he reached Honolulu, when he immediately turned back to Arizona.

The officers say their prisoner gave them no trouble during the trip. They left San Francisco at 4 p. m., last evening.

Hancock's mother from Wilmington has been here for several days. She has employable counsel. It is understood that the defendant's plea at the trial will be insanity.

FIGHT LAST NIGHT.

Carl Lindsay Attacks One Will Russell With a Deadly Weapon. Tried Before Justice King and Put Under \$100 Bond.

Last night over in the cotton mill settlement, one Carl Lindsay went to the home of Will Russell and started a row.

He stood on the outside of the door and "cussed" Russell out in general. Russell grew tired of this, and went out to order him off whereupon Lindsay picked up a piece of iron and hit him over the head with it, inflicting a bad wound.

Russell swore out a warrant for him before Justice King, and he was arrested last night by Deputy Sheriff Ward.

He was tried this morning before Justice King, and required to give a \$100 bond for his appearance here at the next term of Reaves.

Russell is in a very serious condition, having been hit over the eye, causing the corner of his skull at that point to be badly fractured.

It is not thought than any serious consequences will arise from the wound although he is hurt badly.

Recital Last Night.

The recital given at the Shearer Music Hall last night by the music students of the college was fine.

Quite an extensive program was rendered, and it produced some fine talent for music.

The opening chorus "Jolly Winter," by the college glee club was good, as the college has some good vocalists.

The instrumental music was rendered well, and as a whole the program was enjoyed by all present.

Between the Devil And Deep Sea

DILEMMA OF CONGRESSMEN.

Tobacco Growers of Virginia Want Protection From Turkish Cigarettes—Tar Heel Peanut Growers Are Insistent Too—Local Row Develops in the Lexington Public Building Matter—Virginia Representatives Right Against It.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative E. W. Saunders, of the fifth Virginia district, has the promise of a hearing for certain tobacco growers of Danville and the adjoining country before the Ways and the Means Committee on the tobacco section of the tariff. The date fixed is Wednesday next at 9:30 a. m. A higher duty as a protection against Turkish cigarettes, will be urged. Those concerned claim that the Turkish cigarette is driven out the home-manufactured product, and the American cigarette can not be sold in Turkey. The tobacco in question is a brighter, cuter, expecial suitable for cigarette-making. Quite a delegation promises to be on hand and press their claims.

A day later the peanut growers will have a hearing. The tide-water counties are being heard from on this proposition—some correspondents demanding an increase so that the Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina growers can have an advantage over the foreigner, and other protested agrinst any charge. Judging from the letters are drifting in and newspapers comments on these two sections of the tariff the old Dominion will be pretty well represented here next Wednesday and Thursday.

KILLED BY AN OLD PISTOL.

The 12-Year-Old Grandson of Associate Justice H. G. Conner Meets Tragic Death at His Home in Wilson.

Wilson, Dec. 14.—Yesterday afternoon, while playing with a loaded pistol, Henry Groves Conner, 12 years old, son of Representative elect George W. Conner and the grandson of Associate Justice H. G. Conner, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen with fatal results.

Young Conner and his cousin were playing Indian at his home with an old pistol and somehow trigger was pulled, the ball passing clear through his body. He was operated on at the sanitarium here but gradually sank, the end coming about noon today.

Mr. Gordon Gone.

Mr. T. E. Gordon, who has been here some weeks buying tobacco for the American Tobacco Co., left for his home at South Hill, Va., this morning.

Mr. Gordon will be succeeded at this place by Mr. A. B. Bray, who was formerly at this place, representing that company.

Prize Winner.

Lawrence Bros., big sale still continues, being attended by a large host of buyers every day.

A free prize is given away every afternoon and yesterday's prize, a nice hat, was awarded to Mr. R. F. Mauney.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins returned yesterday afternoon from the convention at Wilson.