

# COVE CITY MAN KILLED BY A.C.L. TRAIN SUNDAY

## Halifax County Man Slain: Feeling Running High

### MOONSHINE LIQUOR TAKES A BIG TOLL

#### EIGHT DEATHS FROM DRINKING POISON LIQUOR

Occurred in New York City Over Christmas—Scores or in Hospitals.  
TWO OR DEAD WERE WOMEN, IT IS REPORTED  
One Person Has Been Placed Under Arrest on Charge of Having Sold Liquor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (By Associated Press)—Eight deaths were attributed today to drinking poisonous liquor on Christmas. A score or more victims were confined to hospitals. Of the eight persons who died, two were women. A Brooklyn woman has been arrested on the charge of having sold liquor to one of the women who died. Prohibition Director T. F. Downing, whose office succeeded in keeping the white rumrunners from their usual haunts, declared that while the dry navy was busy in holding rumrunners outside the three-mile limit, land rumrunners succeeded in an old ruse, smuggling liquor into the city under thousands of Christmas trees. This liquor, however, apparently was reserved for home consumption, little of it being found in the white light cabarets.

#### TWO KILLINGS NEAR RALEIGH

Two Deaths and An Incendiary Fire Occurred Over Christmas Holidays.

RALEIGH, Dec. 26.—Two killings and an alleged incendiary burning of a home took place in and near Raleigh Sunday and yesterday. Manchester Dehman, 3-year-old negro boy, tried to aid his father put a negro out of his store. He received a load of fire shot in the breast and died instantly. Joe Stephenson is in Wake county jail charged with the boy's murder. The second slaying occurred Sunday afternoon at Caraleigh village near here when John McNally shot and killed Joseph Upchurch, following an argument over a game of dice, according to the police. McNally is under arrest under a charge of murder. James Berry, a farmer, living in Cary township reported to county authorities that someone set fire to his home Christmas night. The house was completely destroyed. No arrests have been made.

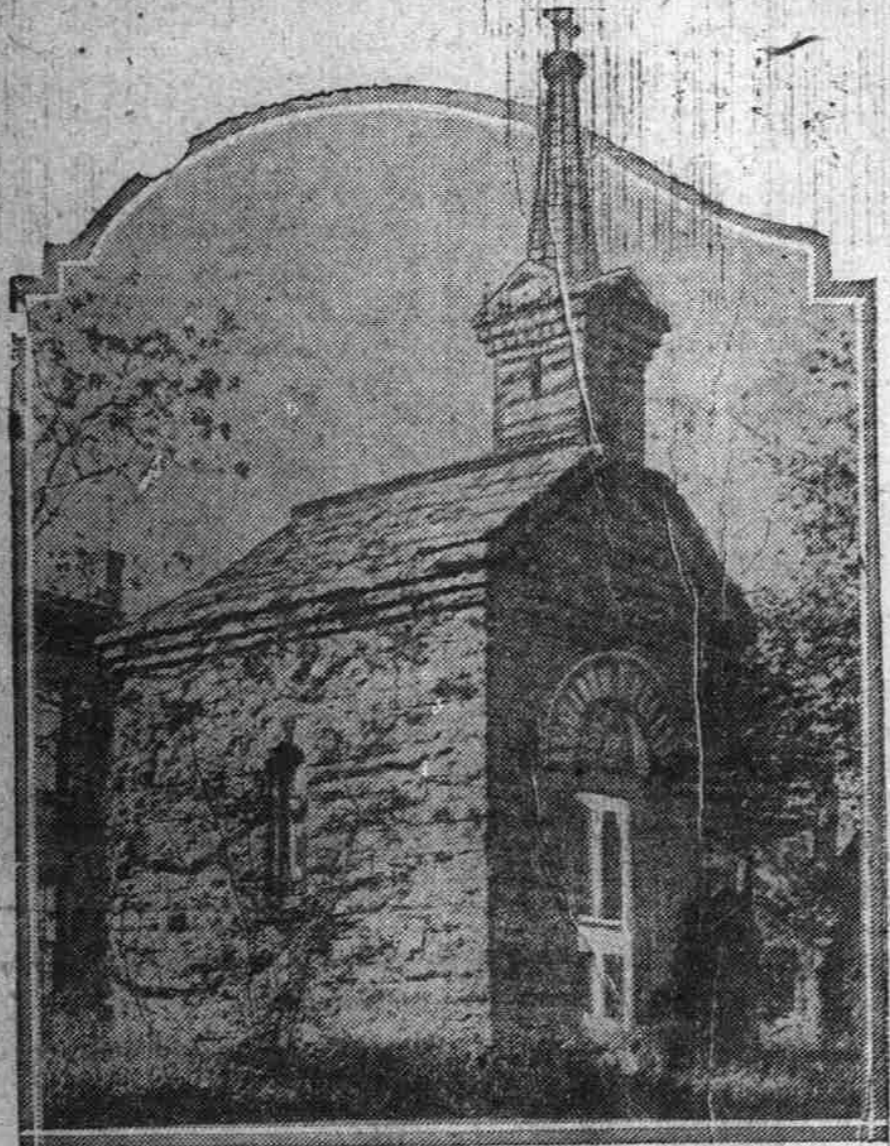
#### MEANEST MAN ROBS SALVATION ARMY

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—Another "meanest man" has been discovered. He burglarized the Salvation Army home here Christmas night, making away with \$200 in cash and two watches.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY IN NEW BERN PASSED OFF VERY QUIETLY

Christmas passed quietly in New Bern and without special incident. Special Christmas services were held at practically all the churches and these, for the most part, were all attended. Residents spent the morning in distributing gifts to their friends and making visits. Children were out on the streets at an early hour, exhibiting their toys which ranged all the way from miniature sedans to tiny doll-babies. There was very little disorder and there were no signs of drunkenness on the streets.

Smallest Church in World, Accommodates Congregation of Three People



This unique chapel is located high up among the Kentucky Hills and is so small that only three persons can worship there at one time. It was built by Monks who formerly lived in the neighborhood and only one of their number survived. He is shown in the photo above, standing outside the small church.

#### VICTIM OF ASSAILANT GAVE LATTER'S NAME

(By Associated Press.)  
ROCKY MOUNT, Dec. 26.—Much indignation is said to have been expressed and feeling is running high in the Woods Store section of Halifax and Franklin counties over the assault and murder of George W. Wilder, age 23, which occurred Saturday night. According to the report, Mr. Wilder was found Sunday morning, unconscious, his face horribly battered and with a fractured skull. He was taken to a hospital here for further attention in the hope of saving his life. But his condition was such that he died at 7:30 o'clock this morning. It is understood that he regained consciousness for a brief time and gave to the authorities the name of his assailant, a negro, living in the Woods Store section. The motive for the crime, according to the officers, is believed to be that of robbery, and his assailant is said to have removed \$27 and a watch from his pockets.

New Shipment of Cars  
A new shipment of Reo cars has just been unloaded by the Willis Motor Company. The shipment consists of coupes, sedans and sport-phaetons. The machines now are on display at the Willis Motor Company's place on South Front street.

#### EXPECT LARGE CROWD SHRINE CEREMONIAL

Shriners of Sudan Temple will begin assembling in New Bern tomorrow evening for the annual midwinter ceremonial which is to be held here on Thursday of this week. It is believed that the attendance will be excellent. The list of candidates is unusually large for a winter ceremonial and this, in itself, is an attraction that is bound to bring a large number of Shriners here to see that the initiation ceremonies are properly carried out. The program calls for a business session at 10 o'clock in the morning, followed by the parade through the streets of the city. The ceremonial will take place at the Banner warehouse, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. An oyster roast also will be given to the Shriners and candidates. At 9 o'clock there will take place the usual Shrine ball at the Banner warehouse. Local business houses are requested to decorate for the ceremonial in order that the visitors may see that their attendance here is appreciated.

#### INVESTIGATE IDENTITY OF KIDNAPPERS

Through Investigation is to Be Made Into Band Which Kidnaped Five Men. IDENTITY OF SOME SAID TO BE KNOWN  
Killing in Ohio Leads to New Activity in Effort to Crack Liquor Law Violations.

BASTOP, La., Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—That the state will be able to establish through an eye-witness the identity of several members of the masked mob which last August kidnaped five Mer Rouge residents, including Walt Daniels and Thomas Richards, whose decapitated bodies were taken from a near-by lake last week, was the statement today of investigators who have been working on the case for several months. The identification will be made, the secret service men said, through testimony at the open hearings, ordered by Governor John M. Parker, to convene here January 5. They declared that a farmer told them he witnessed the seizure and spiriting away of the quintet and recognized some of the abductors when they lifted their hoods to drink water. The farmer, according to information the investigators declare they have in hand, was held up by the band on the Mer Rouge-Bastrop highway the night of the kidnaping and commanded to go to a near-by ranch and get a bucket of water for the band. He obeyed and when he returned he was directed to take a seat on a log. He is said to have declared that he recognized several members of the band when they raised their masks to drink from buckets. The investigators declined to disclose the present whereabouts of the farmer, but it was intimated that he was somewhat in Mississippi under the protection of a government officer.

#### LARGE PUBLIC DEBT FOR THE ARGENTINE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 26.—Argentina's unconsolidated public debt now amounts to \$99,574,218 pesos, or roughly \$340,000,000, according to figures submitted by the Accounting-General's department to the new minister of finance, Dr. Vegas, who sought the permission to prepare the budget of 1923. The figures are noted with surprise by some newspapers, which refer to former statistics indicating that the debt was some 184,000,000 pesos less. It appears from the report that the 184,000,000 consists of debts not subject to any precise term of payment, the remainder being represented by liabilities maturing at specific dates. A bill for the authorization of an internal loan to consolidate the debt, in whole or in part, is being considered by the Ministry of Finance in lieu of seeking a foreign loan.

R. H. Bowles, formerly with the National Bank of New Bern, but now of Hickory, is spending a few days here visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lawrence.

#### TRAGEDY FOLLOWS FRIGHT OF YOUNG CHILD OVER BIG DOG

A sad death occurred in New Bern yesterday when the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winstead, of Elm City, died from strangulation as it was being rushed to a hospital here from Vanceboro. Small pieces of nuts, which the child was chewing, were responsible for the death. Mr. and Mrs. Winstead and the child were visiting at the home Vanceboro. The youngster was partaking of nuts and candy he had found in his Christmas stocking and was munching on a mouthful when a large bird-dog

#### TRYING TO GROW A CORELESS APPLE

Montreal, Can., Dec. 26.—Much enthusiasm was evoked at the fall meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec by the announcement of the discovery at Abbotsford of a seedless and coreless variety of the Fameuse apple. Professor F. C. Sears of the University of Massachusetts Horticultural college who was present, examined the fruit and pronounced it Fameuse in every essential detail. He said if it could be reproduced it would prove of great value. The seedless apple was discovered by accident and the exhibitor had no idea how it was developed. He believes, however, that that the variety could be perpetuated by grafts.

#### LEFT HERE ON HUNTING TRIP

Party of Local Sportsmen Set Sail for Ocracoke on Duck Hunting Trip. Determined to establish a new hunting record, five well known local men accompanied by a citizen of Goldsboro left here this morning on the yacht, Pilgrim, bound for Ocracoke where war will be declared against the mallard, brant and duck. The party plans to remain at Ocracoke until Saturday. It is composed of W. B. Blades, Paul Mengel, David Morris, G. C. Royal, of Goldsboro, Dr. R. L. Daniels and John Haywood Jones. Five hundred persons are expected to greet them at the dock upon their return to get their share of the ducks which the hunters are expected to slay.

#### FORMER MAYOR OF MER ROUGE WANTED

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., who is wanted by Louisiana authorities for information concerning the Morehouse "sh" kidnaping, is attached to the Brady Urological Clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He said today that he knew nothing about the kidnaping and could give the authorities no information concerning them. For this reason he added he had not yet made up his mind whether he would return to Louisiana or not.

#### WIFE CLAIMS SHE SHOT HUSBAND IN DEFENSE

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—As an aftermath to a Christmas party in one of the suburban cabarets, Fred J. Hanesman, age 30, was shot and killed this morning by his 22-year-old wife who said, according to the authorities, that she killed him in self defense after they had both struggled to get possession of a revolver which the husband had placed under the pillow. After hearing her story the District Attorney released Mrs. Hanesman from custody. The woman declared that her husband became infuriated because she danced with a certain man and after they returned home, he struck her and the grapple for the revolver ensued.

#### CALVIN SMITH FOUND ON RAILROAD TRACKS NEAR EDGE OF CITY

Was Well Known in Craven County—Head Was Badly Crushed and Death Was Instantaneous.

#### CORONER'S INQUEST HELD TODAY

No Credence is Placed in Rumors of Four Play-Reports Had It that He had Been Placed on the Tracks.

Calvin Smith, age 55, of Cove City, was killed when he was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line train at 11 o'clock Saturday night, about two hundred yards from the outskirts of the city. The man's head was crushed but his body otherwise was uninjured. Death was instantaneous.

Smith was struck by the Coast Line train from Wilmington, which was several hours late in arriving at New Bern. He was a railroad man and had been in the employ of the Roper Lumber Company for a number of years. He is survived by two daughters and a son. The body today rested at the Smaw undertaking parlors. It will be sent to Cove City for interment.

How the deceased happened to be on the tracks is unknown. When the train struck him, the engineer brought it to a halt and an examination was made. Smith was dead when the first persons arrived to drag him away from the tracks.

Reports were current on the streets today that the man had been knocked in the head and dragged on the tracks. No credence is placed in these, however, as there is no evidence to support any such claims. Relatives of Smith, who were in New Bern today, said that so far as they knew, he didn't have an enemy in the world.

#### OPPOSE PLAN FOR ECONOMIC CONFERENCES

Senate Leaders Today Are Discussing proposition Submitted by Borah.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press)—Senate republican leaders conferred today in an effort to agree on what changes they will seek in the proposal of Senator Borah, (r), Idaho, for an annual economic and disarmament conference. The proposal is emphasized in an amendment to the navy appropriation bill which is to come before the senate tomorrow when it reassembles after the Christmas holidays. A large part of the republican membership and a number of democrats are understood to be against the Borah amendment in its present form. The views of President Harding and other administration officials have been sought but senators who have talked with them will not disclose what opinions were expressed. Senator Lodge, (r), Massachusetts, was said to oppose the amendment as it stands, although he and other administration supporters, it was said, might be working to give in their support if it was limited in scope. Those who want to see the language of the proposal changed include Senator Curtis, Kansas, Assistant Republican Leader Smoot, Utah and Watson, Indiana.

Senator Smoot's view is that such a conference as proposed by Senator Borah would be impracticable. "Europe's chief aim, frankly announced, is cancellation of her debt to America," said Senator Smoot. "This the American people will never consent to. The debt forgiveness question would be the principal one Europe would desire to present. Its presentation for consideration would be useless."

#### FARMERS AND VETS ENDORSE SUBSIDY PLAN

California Organizations Send Resolutions to U. Senators Johnson and Shortridge.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senators Johnson and Shortridge, of California today received resolutions from two prominent California organizations, urging support of the ship subsidy bill. One set of resolutions comes from the fifty-fifth annual convention of the Farmers and Fruit Growers' Association and the other from C. C. Thomas Post, No. 244 American Legion. The Growers' Association pointed out that California agricultural interests are in urgent need of increased transportation facilities in order to market their products overseas and thus take care of increased production. The belief is expressed that better water transport will result in lower rates, and that to gain more and improved water hauls Government aid is necessary. The appeal of the World War veterans for the subsidy bill is based on the need of an adequate American merchant marine as an adjunct to the navy. The resolutions state: "Ship subsidy in its essentials is nothing more nor less than a premium on a national insurance policy. We have the ships built and lying idle. If we profit at all by the lessons of the last war, we must see that any sum we pay in subsidy will be insignificant compared with what we paid because we had no ships in the past, and what we should be likely to pay under similar circumstances in the future." The resolutions were adopted only after a special committee of the post had conducted an investigation of the pending bill.