

SUDAN CEREMONIAL HELD HERE ON TOMORROW

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TWO ARE DEAD IN GASTONIA FIRE

FORMER MINISTER TO SPAIN HAD RELATIVES LIVING IN NEW BERN

Dr. Taylor Was Born in New Bern And Spent His Early Life Here.

TALENTED LAWYER Recognized As One of the Greatest Authorities on International Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—(By Associated Press)—Hannis Taylor, former U. S. minister to Spain, and recognized authority on international law, died at his home here last night after an illness of a month.

Dr. Taylor, who was born in New Bern, N. C., 71 years ago, first practiced law in Mobile and later here. He was appointed Minister to Spain in 1893 and later was counsel for the government before the Claims Commission, established under the Spanish-American treaty and also before the Alaska Boundary Commission in 1913.

In addition to his work, "International Public Law," Dr. Taylor was the author of a number of other studies on legal subjects, including his "Origin and Growth of the British Constitution," published in 1902, and the "Origin and Growth of the American Constitution," one of the last works of his life, which appeared in 1916.

Dr. Taylor held honorary degrees from eight American universities, as well as Edinburgh and Dublin universities.

Dr. Taylor's death came as a great shock to his relatives here. He was born on Craven street and was a member of one of North Carolina's best known families. Among his relatives and descendants living in New Bern are Mrs. Della Whitford, Miss Mary Oliver, the Hollister family, Mark deW. Stevenson, Dr. R. S. Primrose, George S. Atmore, Mrs. E. K. Bishop, Mrs. J. G. Dunn and Miss Hannah Clark.

Few natives of New Bern have ever gained greater prominence than did Dr. Taylor. He visited here on a number of occasions after having moved away and is well known to a large number of local residents. The occasion of his last visit was a family reunion here.

It is not known what arrangements have been made for the funeral.

AYDEN NOW HAS FINE STREETS

Large Street Paving Program in Pitt County City Is Now Nearing Completion

AYDEN, Dec. 27.—The great paving program which Ayden has been carrying out for the past year, is now nearing completion, over three hundred thousand dollars having been spent on street paving and sidewalks. Ayden can now truly boast of being the first paved town in the State for its size, eight miles of sidewalks. Beside the fact that the state highway passes through the heart of town making a complete link of hard-surfaced road within a few months' between Goldsboro by way of Ayden to Greenville and Tarboro to Rocky Mount.

Ayden at this time offers the greatest opportunities to the manufacturing interests of the state through the fact that it is located in one of the best and richest sections in the state. It has abundance of labor surrounding it and is a town which any worker or other persons would be proud to live. Ayden also has several of the most desirable factory sites on railroad and hard-surfaced roads to be had anywhere in the state and at this time the different organizations of the town are getting together and will offer special inducements to any up-to-date manufacturing interest who would consider locating here.

A live Building and Loan Association has been organized within the town within the last year and is making great progress in taking care of the housing problem and of the Free Will Baptist College, which is now under construction and will cost several thousand dollars when completed.

GASTONIA IS SCENE OF DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

(By Associated Press)

GASTONIA, N. C., Dec. 27.—Two men were burned to death and one other is missing as the result of a fire which destroyed the Underwood Boarding House and several other buildings at Bessemer City, near here, according to reports received here.

Two bodies, found in the ruins, were identified later as those of John G. Hough and his step-son, Mack Hopper, while E. J. Eddings was missing at the fire. Mrs. Hough was seriously hurt in leaping from a second story window and it was feared the injuries might prove fatal.

The office and cotton warehouse of the Cambrell and Melville mills also were burned, together with about 100 bales of cotton and a one-story residence. The total loss was estimated at not more than \$30,000. It was understood to be partially covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire was not known.

EXPECT TO MAKE NEW ARRESTS IN KIDNAPING

Federal And State Investigators Are Working on the Mer Rouge Tragedy

BASTOP, La., Dec. 27.—There was an air of expectancy here and around Mer Rouge early today as department of Justice agents and representatives of the state government renewed their activities in the investigation in the Mer Rouge kidnaping case, and widened their efforts to run down the persons responsible for the dynamiting of a near-by lake which gave up the bodies of two men, identified as Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, abducted by the masked mob last August. It was declared that additional arrests were imminent.

Secret Service men are reported to have located the places where the dynamite was said to have been placed. Five hundred pounds were sold and one of the men suspected of being implicated in the dynamiting, are under surveillance. The investigators indicated that arrests may be made soon.

M'Koin Will Resist Any Attempt At Extradition

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 27.—(By Associated Press)—A writ of habeas corpus for Dr. E. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, arrested here today on a charge of murder, was obtained today.

The writ, which was issued by Chief Judge James T. Gorter in the city court, was made returnable immediately.

At about the same time Dr. McKoin was arraigned for a hearing before Justice Stanleigh in municipal police court but, on request of detectives on the case, the justice adjourned the examination until January 5. This was in compliance with a telegram from Governor Parker, of Louisiana, requesting that Dr. McKoin be held for 30 days and saying that extradition papers would be forwarded.

HARDING PLANS VISIT TO ALASKA

President Seeks First-Hand Knowledge of Development Needs of the Territory

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Harding hopes to make his long-delayed trip to Alaska early next summer, it was learned today. At the same time he wants to visit the farming communities of the middle and far west.

Detailed plans for the trip have not been completed, the President feeling that he cannot decide definitely to visit the northwest until his administration program has been cleared up. As last summer, when he planned the trip, circumstances may necessitate a postponement. For this reason none of the arrangements will be announced until later.

The President is deeply interested in the development of Alaska. For a long time he has studied conditions there. It is now his wish to go into the territory personally and learn how the rich resources of the northwest can be utilized more adequately.

BIG INCREASE MADE IN U. S. EXPORT TRADE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Further increases in America's foreign trade were reflected today in figures compiled by the Department of Commerce, showing exports of cotton and lint to have been \$57,337 bales, valued at \$109,387,719, October exports of cotton totaled 798,364 bales, valued at \$93,923,760.

The November total places the aggregate exports of cotton for the 11 months ending November 30 at 5,505,660 bales, valued at \$593,529,727 and approximately \$120,000,000 and greater than the value of the cotton sold abroad in the same period in 1921.

ALLEGED BANDITS ARE UNDER ARREST

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Four additional arrests were expected today as the result of the capture here of Jim Caverty and Mrs. Caverty and George Wilson and Mrs. Wilson last night in connection with the hold-up and robbery of bank messengers in Kansas City, December 21, according to Martin W. Williams, manager of the Southern division of an private detective agency. The bandits are reported to have obtained \$97,000.

FIVE ARE INJURED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT

SALISBURY, N. C., Dec. 27.—Five persons were slightly injured this morning when a swinging door on a freight car side-swiped a passenger coach of Southern train No. 137, running between Washington and Atlanta, near Thomasville, N. C. Those injured were treated by local doctors and immediately resumed their journey.

The injured included James E. Faison, of Faison, N. C.

LEG BONE TRANSPLANTED TO UPSTATE CHILD'S SPINE

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Edna Avery, of Rockhill, Sullivan county, has submitted to a remarkable operation in the Post-Graduate Hospital in New York. For a year she has been affected with a trouble of the spine which has puzzled physicians. A bone has now been removed from the child's leg and placed in her spine, and it is believed she will recover.

EIGHT BELIEVED LOST IN TUG ON LAKE ERIE

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 27.—Mystery surrounding the tug Cornell, missing 4 days remained unsolved tonight. It was conceded by shipping men that the tug with its crew of eight, probably had gone down. Four tugs, which spent Christmas cruising Lake Erie, failed to find trace of the vessel.

MUCH NEW BUILDING TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Orders that have been placed here for lumber during the past week or two bear out the statement made sometime ago relative to New Bern's building boom.

The Pine Lumber Company, one of the leading mills in this section, is making preparations for handling the heavy demand for lumber which already has begun to make itself felt and which, it is expected, will continue to increase rapidly.

"I believe we are going to see an unprecedented amount of building here within a very short time," said Mr. Avery, of the Pine Lumber Company, this morning, in discussing the situation. "Contracts for a large number of buildings will be let shortly."

KAISER SELLS PHOTO OF SELF AND HIS BRIDE TO AMERICANS FOR \$10,000

DOORN, Dec. 27.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm was in need of Christmas money. He sold a wedding photograph of himself in a field marshal's uniform and his bride, Princess Hermine, wearing her famous diadem. The picture was disposed of to an American agency for \$10,000.

DR. WILBUR F. CRAFTS DIED THIS MORNING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, for 28 years superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, which he founded and widely known because of his activities in behalf of prohibition and similar movements, died at a hospital here today of pneumonia. He was 73 years old.

Acting low down is not the proper way to get higher up.

Determined Fight Made On The Borah Amendment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Administration senators, under the leadership of Senator Lodge, began in the senate today a determined fight against the proposal of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, for a new international conference in Washington to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

Senator Lodge, who was said by his colleagues to have ascertained the views of President Harding and his administration advisers, obtained his attack as soon as the Senate began work on the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the annual naval bill, requesting the President to call an economic and armament conference.

The foreign relations chairman recounted the difficulties of further armament limitation encountered at the Washington conference a year ago and declared that in view of the attitude taken by other powers, it would be "useless" to limit armaments unless it were established beforehand that France had changed her position.

The fight on the senate floor began after a core of administration senators had conferred in Senator Lodge's office and had mapped out a program providing for a resort to parliamentary tactics if necessary to defeat the move of Senator Borah. A part of the group of senate irreconcilables, who have voted with Mr. Borah on many former questions of foreign policy, also was arrayed against the amendment, while the attitude of the democratic side of the chamber seemed to be a waiting one, with many members undecided whether to support or oppose the conference plan.

PEACE CONFERENCE MAY SOON BE BROKEN OFF

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A Reuter's dispatch from Lausanne says: "There is serious danger of the Near East conference becoming abortive if the Turks persist in their present methods."

LARGE NUMBER OF SHRINERS WILL BE IN CITY TOMORROW

Sudan Expects To Have One of the Most Successful Mid-Winter Ceremonials in the History of the Temple.

ALL PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETED

Everything Is In Readiness To Introduce the Candidates Into the Mysteries of Shrinedom Tomorrow.

PROGRAM	
10:00 A. M.	Business Session Masonic Temple.
12:30 P. M.	Parade Starting from Masonic Temple.
1:00 P. M.	Oyster Roast The Monks Each Noble may be accompanied.
2:30 P. M.	Banner Wagon
9:00 P. M.	Banner Wagon

The bright red fez of Shriners of Sudan Temple began arriving in the city today for the ceremonial, which is to be held at the city hall tomorrow.

Hundreds of Shriners are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow morning. Many others will arrive in automobiles. Every indication points to the best-attended ceremonials that has been held here in many years.

The Divan of Sudan Temple is as follows:

John H. Anderson—Illustrious Potentate.
 Raymond C. Dunn—Chief Rabbah.
 Jake T. Lassiter—Assistant Rabbah.
 Furman N. Bridgers—High Priest and Prophet.
 Caleb D. Badham—Oriental Guide.
 William W. Griffin—Treasurer.
 Joseph F. Rhems—Recorder as to hold Washington by making a strong cheer by the thoughtfulness of Mary Pickford. One old woman said: "I would love to have a newspaper every day in the year."
 She will get it.
 An aged woman from the South wanted a corn-cob pipe. She got it, too.
 Most of the men wanted tobacco. Miss Pickford personally distributed the gifts.
 The more impetuous Douglas Fairbanks, her husband, was solicited by a newsboy to buy a paper Doug asked: "What would you rather have than anything else in the world?"
 The boy replied: "A bicycle."
 Doug took the boy to town and bought one for him.

LARGE NUMBER OF DODGE CARS

A large number of Dodge cars have been sold by the Dodge Motor Company during the past several weeks and the greater part of them were sold within several days of their receipt.

The Dodge is demonstrating its worth to the new owners. Mr. Pickford stated today that another element of different models would be received here within a short while.

BUCKINGHAM WILL NOT BE TRIED; DEATH TAKES WEALTHY TENNESSEAN

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Miles Buckingham, millionaire insurance man, dropped dead yesterday of a heart failure. Buckingham figured in a sensational court action in Mississippi last May in connection with the death of his wife, prominent Memphis society leader and charity worker. Mrs. Buckingham was shot and fatally injured while the Buckingham were returning to Memphis from Biloxi, Miss. by an auto mobile. Buckingham was indicted and the case set for January.