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PRESIDENT OF HAITI HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED ATROCITIES

Charge That United States Marines Killed Natives Indiscriminately Result, He Says, of Public Clamor — Charges Being Thoroughly Investigated.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Nov. 10—Sudre Dartiguenave, president of the republic of Haiti, testifying today before the naval board of inquiry, declared he had no official knowledge of the charge of indiscriminate killing of natives by United States marines. Speaking through an interpreter, the president said he was without means of proving the existence of cases of homicide or violence that may have been committed by the marines, adding: "They have been accused by public clamor."

M. Dartiguenave was the only witness testifying, and after he had left the chair, Judge Advocate Dyer announced he had no further witnesses or evidence. The court then adjourned to reassemble upon call by Admiral Henry T. Mayo, president of the board of inquiry.

The Haitian president, with democratic simplicity, walked from the palace to the court room, climbing the two flights of stairs. He expressed his pleasure in informing the United States government what he knew. Answering a direct question, if he had knowledge regarding alleged indiscriminate killings, he said: "Officially, no. I have heard of re-

grettable acts perpetrated at Hinche, St. Marie, Croixes, Dequets, Grande Revere Du Nord, Mirebalais and Las Cahillas. When people have been reproached for not having kept the government informed of all that was being said, the answer, rightly or wrongly, has been they were afraid of being caught by martial law. Victims or their parents have never brought their grievances to me because leaders of the revolution gave them to understand there was no Haitian chief of state.

"The people, with a few exceptions, such as may be found in every country, have rejoiced at the coming of the Americans. They were expecting their liberty, prosperity and respect for their person and property, but compulsory road labor has been practiced despite advice by the counsel of the government. This has given rise to discontent, which led to the revolt of Cacos 'bandits.' Misdemeanors, however, are always possible in cases of repression."

Judge Advocate Dyer is privately seeing many witnesses, but as the inquiry is limited to facts bearing on charges, it seems difficult to secure those able to testify as to events they know have occurred.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND OPPOSE ADMISSION OF GERMANY INTO LEAGUE

PARIS, Nov. 12.—The French government is unalterably opposed to the admission of Germany to the league of nations at this time, it was stated at the foreign office today. Some "drastic action" would be a consequence if the league voted to admit Germany, it was intimated.

The foreign office said there had been conversations with Great Britain on the subject, and that the British, who had been inclined to favor German membership in the league, now had accepted the French viewpoint, allowing the matter to rest for the present.

In as much as Germany has not applied for league membership, it is considered unlikely there will be any effort with promise of success to get the assembly in Geneva to act favorably on the question of Germany's admission at this time.

The French hold that Germany must prove her intention to fulfill the terms of the peace treaty and live peacefully with her neighbors before seeking membership, and they contend there has not yet been time for them to become convinced regarding Germany's attitude along these lines.

The possibility of the admission of Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria is regarded in a different light by the French, who have indicated they are not opposed to membership for these nations, as it is considered they have shown good faith.

about peace. The magnates were scheduled to convene at noon.

After the joint meeting, adjournment will be taken, while each league deliberates on the proceedings for a final report. In the evening, another meeting will be held and it was expected that some decisive action will be taken to make peace.

On the program today was the reorganization of the national commission and abolition of the new 12 club National League formed here last Monday, when the American and National Leagues split. The new National League will insist that the old commission, composed of Ban Johnson, president of the American League, and John Heydler, president of the National, with one vacancy, be abolished in favor of the civilian commission. It was said in baseball circles.

After the joint session of the two league club owners, a committee of six representing the minors will enter the discussions. This committee is composed of Mike H. Sexton, of Rock Island, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues, chairman; Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American Association; George H. Haines, president of the Michigan-Ontario League; William Walsh, president of the South Atlantic League, and J. W. Morris, president of the West Texas League.

Predictions were made today that the 11 club owners of the newly organized National League and the five clubs "loyal" to President Ban Johnson, will agree to end hostilities. While no official announcement was made, every member of the two major leagues has come on record as being in favor of a reorganization in baseball, and of the appointment of a new board of control, and the selection of Judge Landis, of Chicago, as the chairman, with a salary of \$50,000 a year.

MAKING LAST EFFORT TO AVOID BASEBALL WAR

Controversy Between Major Leagues Being Submitted to Minor Leagues by Agreement.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Club owners of the National and American Leagues were here today for a joint meeting to make a final effort to avoid a baseball war. The meeting was agreed upon when the warring factions met in Kansas City to present their sides of the controversy before the minors. It was announced that at this session here today John A. Heydler and B. B. Johnson, presidents of the National and American Leagues, respectively, lawyers, stenographers and all others are barred and that only the men of the city interested in the two leagues are to be present. The meeting is to be informal and no record will be made of the proceedings. Club owners today were expected to speak their individual opinions as to the best means for the reorganization of the game, so as to bring

SALE OF MALT AND HOPS TO BE PROHIBITED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Prohibition enforcement officers throughout the country have been instructed to prevent the sale of malt and hops to others than bakers and confectioners, but details of the order which tightens the ban on home brewing were lacking today.

In the absence of Commissioner Kramer, officials at the prohibition enforcement bureau said that the sale of hops and malt as component parts of home-made beer had been ruled to be in violation of the Volstead act. They would not discuss, however, details of the new order, which is said to have resulted from a construction placed on the law nearly two months ago.

GYPSY SMITH, JR., PREACHED TWO THRILLING SERMONS TO LARGE AUDIENCES YESTERDAY

Afternoon and Night Services at First Presbyterian Church Being Splendidly Attended — Business Men and Their Clerks Attending the Afternoon Services — Chorus Singing Growing Better as Meeting Progresses — Services Today at 3 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. — More Soprano Voices Needed.

A congregation that filled the auditorium and a portion of the Sunday school room greeted Gypsy Smith, Jr., Thursday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Allen conducted a fifteen-minute service of song, in which the congregation heartily joined, and Rev. H. H. Jordan, presiding elder of the Shelby Methodist district, offered the opening prayer. Mr. Smith and congregation repeated the twenty-third Psalm in concert and the evangelist led in the singing of "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult."

Using the Bible story of the miraculous draught of fishes, as recorded in the first eleven verses of the fifth chapter of St. Luke, as the theme for his sermon, Mr. Smith said: The people always pressed upon Jesus. He was the attraction, the lodestone, the magnet, that drew the people to "hear the Word of God." It was not the disciples they came to hear but Jesus: And this was but the fulfillment of the Old and New Testaments. "And gathered them out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south." "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all Men to me." He said the reason the church today, hard as it was to say, with all her handsome buildings, equipment and expenditure of vast sums of money, was drawing such little returns was because there is so little of Christ to be seen in her members. You can't fool the world. They know Jesus and you can't fool them with a caricature of Christ. To the true seekers Christ first reveals the possibilities which slumber in their own natures, and then, who is to control the possibilities and finally, the breaking down of the barrier which has been between.

These informal afternoon sermons are real heart-to-heart messages that touch and quicken the spiritual life of his hearers.

A congregation estimated at about 1,400 people filled both auditorium and galleries of the church at the night service. The singing under the able direction of Mr. Allen was exceptionally good, the choir rendering in an excellent manner "King of Kings." Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway offered the evening prayer. Mr. Smith read a portion of the 16th chapter of Acts for a Scripture lesson, choosing as a text the last sentence of the thirtieth verse, "What must I do to be saved?"

Mr. Smith said, if the same question was put by you to Paul, would he give you the same answer as he gave to the Philippian jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved?" Mr. Smith said that there was the place that we had blundered, for we had said cheaply to the world, "Only believe," and we have said it to everyone irrespective of their conditions. A doctor does not give the same prescription to everyone, he studies each case and then writes his prescription for that case. And if we are going to win men and women for Jesus Christ, we must save time for the individual, for the world is not saved wholesale and its eternal shells are not to be massed.

"Well," you say, "why not we tell this man to believe?" Because this man was a blatant infidel. He didn't believe in Christ, he believed that Christ was an impostor and had been crucified, and that was the end of Him. But something happened that evening while Paul and Silas prayed, and when men pray like those two did something always happens, something amid the roaring of the thunder and the flashing of the lightning, amid the clouds of dust and rattling of chains, something happened so that the old jailer ran in and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

That's why they said to him, "Believe." But we don't have an infidel congregation, and Paul would not say "Believe" to you unless you were spiritually and morally in the same place as his jailer. The devil believes, so the Bible says, and trembles, and that is more than some of you have done with all the church going and professions. Then they took him and taught him what believing meant, or, in Bible terms, they took and taught him the word. Immediately he knew what believing meant. He took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. He had something more practical to do than singing hymns. He washed their stripes. Have you ever done that? Have you ever righted wrongs or attempted to do it? The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; it is righteousness, or rightness, and I know a great many so-called Christians who are more concerned about peace, joy and assurance than they are about doing right. Don't talk about believing until you have done the stripe-washing. There is a wounded heart somewhere in God's world that you tore to shreds, and you call yourself a Christian, and yet you have never taken a step toward helping that broken heart. No, sir, your belief, or so-called belief, is a mockery until you have done the stripe-washing. Some

of you have got money in your possession that does not belong to you, and you call yourself a church member. That money must go back before you are a Christian. What do you believe? What does your belief amount to? It is not worth the noise you make over it, unless it helps you to walk humbly with God, and to love your neighbor as yourself. He took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes! That is religion. Undo the past, straighten out the crooked places. There is a dear old mother in God's world that some of you are starving to death. She is asking for bread and you are giving her a stone, and you are going to make up for that by putting flowers on the casket when she is too dead to smell the perfume. Let your mother feel your love while she is living. Wash your stripes. It is time we got down to business and straighten out the crooked places.

And the next morning he rejoiced in God. Exactly. And so will you when you do right. What I am anxious about is that you should do right. God will take care that you shall have an experience of your own that will be precious and beautiful to yourself.

Now, will you do it? You know what you have got to give up. Don't tell me you don't know, because if you say that, well—I know what I think. Listen! You are a rational, reasonable, intelligent, educated being; you know God's gospel; you know what sin is. Will you do it? Will you do it? And then talk about believing. When you empty your heart it will be possible for Jesus to come in.

In my hands no price I bring. Simply to Thy cross I cling. Why did he bring no price? Because occupied hands could not be clinging hands. If you want Christ, empty your heart and hands of the world's filth, and you will get Him—He is here. He wants to come to you. He longs to come to you, and He will come when you submit.

In one of my missions a lady came down one of the aisles of the church, bringing her boy of ten to shake hands with me. The little fellow held out his left hand and held his right hand behind his back. I told him I would not shake hands with a left hand, but he was obstinate for a while, but at length I persuaded him to bring his right hand from behind him, and then I discovered that he had five marbles in his hand and he was afraid to let go of them. The child had his marbles,—you have what? With some it is greed, others lust, some pride, etc. You know what it is. Will you let go and take hold of eternal life and do it now? Let us pray.

Mr. Smith will preach to men only Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and his subject will be "The Trickster." There will be no service Saturday afternoon and no service on Monday. Mr. Smith will preach Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock.

MEN AT BLACKSBURG NOT IDENTIFIED AS GASTONIA MURDERERS

Will White and Jesse Swift, Claiming to be From Person County, Under Arrest as Suspicious Characters, Examined by Gastonia Officers Who do Not Believe They Are the Men Wanted For Ford Murder — Were in Gastonia Monday — Both Were Armed.

(By H. A. QUERY — Staff Correspondent)

BLACKSBURG, S. C., Nov. 12 — Police officers from Gastonia who came to Blacksburg this morning to examine two negroes arrested on suspicion in connection with the killing of John Ford last Sunday night, are inclined to doubt very much whether these are the guilty parties.

The two negroes under arrest here last night give the names of Will White, alias, Will Rainey, and Jessie Swift, alias Will Matthews. Their story is to the effect that they are both regularly employed at Wooddale, a small station in Person county, near Roxboro by the Nello L. Teer Construction Company, of Durham, on some construction work being done there. Will White, whose home is at Sharon, S. C., claims to have been on his way home at Sharon to visit a member of his family who is sick, and was accompanied by Swift. They spent the night here Monday night with a negro well known to the police as "Borke-Back Stetson." Both claim never to have been around Gastonia at any time except when passing through here Monday.

Chief of Police Allison, of Blacksburg, who has been on the lookout for suspicious characters since Monday, arrested the two as they alighted from a train at Blacksburg last night, having come up from Sharon on their way back to their work in Person county. Both have in their possession printed pay envelopes of the Nello Teer Construction Company, which is taken as good evidence that they have been employed there. Neither of the two negroes arrested is exceptionally tall or short, both being about five feet eight inches in height, one a mulatto and the other of a ginger-cake color. They state that another negro named Watson was with them, and that Watson ran when Chief Allison approached them in Blacksburg, last night, this fact strengthening the chief's suspicion that they might be fugitives.

The strongest evidence upon which White and Swift are being held is the fact that both were armed when arrested. White had a fine 38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, with holster and belt, and Swift had a 32-20 S. & W., also of the very finest quality, with holster and belt. Both claim that they acquired the pistols by trading for them while on this trip to Sharon.

In the party which went from Gastonia this morning were Sheriff Carroll, Chief Orr, J. W. Cole, Adam Hord, Miss Edie Grice and her father, Bob Grice and Roy Alexander. They are returning to Gastonia this afternoon, being of the opinion that there is very little likelihood of Swift and White being the parties wanted for the crime which was committed here Sunday night. The two suspects will be held by the Blacksburg authorities awaiting further developments, and in view of the fact that there have been several hold-ups and burglaries in that vicinity recently.

tively the negroes has given rise to much speculation. It must be remembered that the victims never did see very clearly the faces of the negroes. Only the tone of their voices, their general appearance and movements were observed by them. That is why the negroes were made to walk and run and move about in the presence of the two, and why they were made to talk and go over the same language used on the night of the crime. Both say that the negroes tally in every particular with the general appearance of the negroes as they observed them Sunday night, and they are fairly certain that they might be the guilty parties. However, realizing what one word under oath from them will mean in a life and death matter like this, they say that they cannot swear positively that they are the men, that they are unwilling to be careless with their sworn statements when a word from them might mean the death of the negroes.

Photographs of the negroes are being taken by Gainesville authorities and sent here for examination. In the meantime the manager of the M. G. Dobson negro minstrel shows, the mayor of Tifton and the police authorities are being communicated with, in the effort to establish the truth or falsity of the negroes' statements.

The negroes as seen in the jail at Gainesville did not have the appearance of malicious characters. They are comparatively young, and fairly well educated. One of them, the Jiggs negro, from Wilmington, talks with a brogue that resembles the Charleston negro talk. He calls himself a "half-geek," whatever that is. The newspaperman has found no one in Gastonia who knows what the expression means. At any rate the negro possesses decidedly low country colloquialisms.

CORONER'S JURY TAKES RECESS - NO VERDICT

After being in almost continuous session since Monday morning the jury impaneled by Coroner W. N. Davis to investigate the mysterious murder of John Ford and the shooting of Miss Essie Beatty in a lonely spot near Gastonia Sunday night, took a recess late yesterday afternoon without rendering a verdict. A mass of evidence was taken, a large number of witnesses having been examined by the coroner.

Coroner Davis will probably call the jury together as soon as additional witnesses or more testimony are available. While no statement has been given out by the coroner, his action in taking a recess is taken to indicate that the jury is not yet through examining witnesses.

MISS BEATTY RESTING WELL AT HOSPITAL

When The Gazette representative visited Miss Essie Beatty, the young woman who was shot in Sunday night's tragedy when John Ford was killed, at the City Hospital this morning, he found her in a cheerful mood. She said that she rested well last night and she took some nourishment this morning. Her physicians do not consider that she is by any means out of danger but concede that she has a chance to live.

BLIZZARD HITS HARDING PARTY AND STOPS FISHING

POINT ISABEL, Tex., Nov. 12—President-elect Harding's tarpon fishing was interrupted today by a 25-mile norther that churned the Point Isabel fishing grounds into a tumbling field of foam and drove the temperature down to the shivering point.

Deciding to stay ashore, the senator read and rested during the morning in his cottage overlooking the lagoon, but hoped before the day was over to take a motor trip to Brownsville for a game of golf. He expressed keen disappointment that unfavorable weather had overtaken his fishing ventures and said he expected to get a chance to try his luck once more before he leaves here early next week.

Every state in Brazil produces sugarcane, Pernambuco and Sao Paulo leading the others.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE GAMES FOR TOMORROW

(By The Associated Press)

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 12. Eight games, participated in by big southern teams, feature Saturday's football schedule and at least one more clean record of no defeats by another Dixie eleven is due to be wiped out, for the schedule brings together at New Orleans, Mississippi A. & M. and Tulane.

Interest in this game, however, is no whit greater than in the other big contests, which include:

Auburn vs. Washington & Lee at Birmingham.

Georgia Tech vs. Georgetown of Washington at Atlanta.

Virginia vs. Vanderbilt at Nashville.

Georgia University vs. Florida University at Athens, Ga.

Virginia Military Institute vs. Catholic University at Lexington, Va.

North Carolina vs. Navy at Annapolis.

South Carolina University vs. Davidson at Winston-Salem.

The week already has seen several important games, the most notable being that yesterday in which the University of Alabama defeated Louisiana State 21 to 6.

Other games yesterday included North Carolina State's 14 to 6 victory over Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Clemson's 26 to 0 defeat of the Citadel, Mississippi College's piling up of a 60 to 0 score against Millsap's College, Florida University's 26 to 0 defeat of Stetson, Spring Hill's 43 to 7 victory over Southwestern and Wake Forest's loss, 12 to 13, to the Naval Air Station at Scotland Neck, N. C.

Decidedly cold weather is promised for Saturday's games and with the teams generally reported in fine physical shape and ready to go the limit to show their football prowess, several of the hardest contests of the year are looked for.

STILL INVESTIGATING STORY BY NEGROES AT GAINESVILLE, GA.

The story told by Allison and Jones, the negroes held in Gainesville, Ga., is being investigated today by the police and county authorities of Gainesville and Tifton. If it is true that they were connected with a minstrel show as late as Saturday night at Tifton, Ga., 500 miles from the scene of the crime in Gastonia, they will in all probability be released. However, they are being held until every clue is exhausted.

The fact that the Killian boy and the Grice girl were not able to identify posi-