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## MURDER MYSTERY OF NOV. 7 IS FAR FROM BEING CLEARED UP

Despite Apparent Apathy, City and County Officials Are Still Working on Ford Murder Mystery — Negro Suspect is Arrested in Kershaw — Witnesses Continue to Stick to Original Story in Spite of Efforts to Break It Down.

While interest in the Ford murder mystery has waned to some extent in the minds of the majority of Gastonia people, it is still a live topic of discussion on street corners, in restaurants and cafes and around the courthouse and city hall. The recent action of the officers in sending young Killian, one of the principals in the tragedy, to jail on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, has served to direct attention anew to the affair. It will be remembered that Killian was here from his home in Lincoln county to testify before the coroner's jury when a pistol was discovered in one of his pockets. He was lodged in jail, and later released under bond. It is understood, from street talk, that while the Killian boy was in jail on this charge, the Grice girl was also brought before the jury for another rehearsal of the same tale she has so often told. It is understood that efforts were made to break down the girl's story. She was told that Killian was in jail. She was shown the pistol taken off her person, the weapon, by the way, being of the same caliber as the one with which Ford was killed, and the impression given to her that Killian had unearthed an entirely new story of the affair, one that did not involve negroes at all. Under a grueling cross-questioning and in the face of all this evidence of a supposed confession on the part of Killian, the girl stuck steadfastly to her original story. "He has lied to you, then," she is reported to have said, "if he has changed his tale in any way. It's just like we first told it, have always, and ever will tell it."

Sheriff Carroll, Chief Orr, and all the other officials, have been untiring in their efforts to run down any and every clue that comes to them. They have been criticized by some people for their apparent apathy, but they are doing more than the public knows. Charlotte officials are also interested in the affair which is indeed one of the most baffling mysteries in the annals of crime in North Carolina. Chief Orr, of Charlotte, a brother of the Gastonia chief, is one of the best detectives in the State. He is also interesting himself in the solution of the mystery, as is evidenced by the following from the Rock Hill Herald of Thursday: "Policeman R. E. Steele, of Charlotte, was here today, en route home from Camden, with George Jones, negro, who is being held as a suspect in the Gaston county murder and criminal assault case. Jones, who is from Whitmire, is connected with the Gaston affair by circumstantial evidence, mostly, but the officers believe they have a good case against him. Policeman Steele and Chief Orr, of Charlotte, have been working on this phase of the case for several weeks. Jones will be held in the Mecklenburg jail for the present and this aspect of the matter further investigated."

When shown this newspaper and clipping, Sheriff Carroll said that he knew they had a negro in Charlotte, and that they would go over to look at him. In line with the above from the Rock Hill paper is the following from the Yorkville Enquirer:

"That there are still a good many police officers who are of the opinion that the stories of Killian and Misses Essie Beatty and Edie Grice, who claim that John Ford, of Lincoln, N. C., was shot and killed by two negroes near Gastonia, N. C., several weeks ago after the negroes assaulted the two girls, are true, is indicated by the fact that Policeman Ed Steele and other Charlotte, N. C., officers have been on the trail of two negroes for several days."

"According to a statement of Chief of Police J. Cal Steele, brother of Policeman Ed Steele, made to a reporter for the Enquirer, a negro is now held in custody at Kershaw, who is alleged to have been in Gastonia the Sunday night of the tragedy and who, it is believed, might be one of the negroes wanted. According to the statement, Policeman Steele and other officers have kept close track on the two negroes for some time and have a good record of their movements since the affair in Gastonia."

"A Gastonia resident to whom the reporter talked yesterday said that public sentiment now scouted the claim that negroes were responsible for the tragedy and that there was a pretty general belief in Gastonia at this time that the coroner's jury, which has never returned a verdict in the case, has in its possession much information in regard to the killing that it is not yet ready to divulge."

"On the other hand there are numbers of people in Gastonia and Gaston county who are of the opinion that the slayer of Ford will never be brought to justice." As will be seen from both the above articles, there is still a wide divergence of opinions. Some officers, notably those in Charlotte, believe that there were negroes connected with the affair, and that the stories of the girls and of young Killian are true. On the other hand, street talk and the gossip of the public generally, does not give any credence to their stories.

## HOEY COMMENTS ON TINKHAM'S SUGGESTIONS

North Carolina Congressman Replies to Charges of Massachusetts Representative — Does Not Believe Conservative Republicans Will Countenance Such a Move.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representative Clyde R. Hoey, of the ninth district, today commented forcefully upon the resolution of Representative Geo. H. Tinkham, of Massachusetts, to force an investigation of election practices in the south with a view to cutting down southern representation in Congress.

That northern Republicans would agitate this question at this session has been predicted in previous dispatches to the Daily News. Representative Tinkham's resolution offered at the opening of the session this morning directs that before there is any reapportionment legislation the census committee shall investigate whether there has been any discrimination against any class of voters because of their color and that if this class is deprived of suffrage in any section it shall be taken into account in the reapportionment legislation.

Commenting on this resolution today, Representative Hoey, who expects to make a speech in the house on this same subject, said:

"The first day of the new session witnessed the introduction of a bill to reduce the representation of the south because the negro is not permitted to vote. This time the measure is championed by Representative Tinkham, of Massachusetts. His name is against him. It suggests the type of man who would be ambitious to 'Tinker' with so vital a matter as suffrage in the south and willing to punish our people because they are determined to preserve their political civilization and social fabric, regardless of all the clamor of all the 'Tinkers' from anywhere."

"Tinkham hails from the state of Lodge, of force bill fame. The atmosphere of Massachusetts seems to generate south hating Republicans. However, it is refreshing to know that many New England and western Republicans do not share the views of men like Tinkham and others of the state. Only last night I was talking with one of the Republican leaders in Congress from New England and he said that practically all of the thinking people in the north now freely admit in private conversation that the 15th amendment was a serious mistake—a crime of the reconstruction period—and that they sympathize with the south in handling the problems growing out of the adoption of the negro suffrage amendment. His idea is that Congress will not attempt to interfere with the south in the settlement of her peculiar problems."

"The basis alleged for the reduction of representation is the comparatively small vote cast in the south. This does not apply to North Carolina. Our vote in the recent election compared favorably with the vote cast in the various states of the Union and refutes any suggestion of over representation. In the states farther south the vote was small, due more to the fact that there was no appreciable opposition to the Democratic nominee than to any other cause. This is an added reason why all Democrats ought to vote in the election regardless of the opposition party."

"The advocates of reduction, however, forget that the representation in Congress is now and has always been based on population and not on voting strength, and upon this basis there is no justification for any reduction in any southern state, but some of them will make gains, notably North Carolina. The little matter of the practice of a century has no persuasive force with a Republican of the Tinkham type, when he is seeking some method of venting his spleen against the south and achieving a little cheap notoriety while he struts his brief period on the stage."

"In order to punish the south in this way it would be necessary to abandon the method heretofore obtaining in providing for representation and there is no occasion for any change. I do not believe the conservative Republicans will countenance such a movement."

Sheriff Carroll freely admits that the case has him puzzled. In all his long connection as chief of police in Gastonia, he has never met with any crime similar to this. However, he strongly adheres to the story as told by the witnesses. He is strengthened in this belief by the many reports of exactly similar occurrences which have come to him. All agree in nearly every particular as to robbery, assault, etc., with the exception of the murder. Since the tragedy of Sunday night, November 7, Sheriff Carroll has had unfolded to him tales from responsible parties, corroborating the story as told by the witnesses to the Ford murder.

Saturday's mail brought to the Sheriff's office a clue which he is working on, and which, he thinks, will prove highly interesting, if the evidence is as given by his correspondent.

Miss Essie Beatty, the girl who was wounded so seriously that her life was despaired of, has recovered. She left the hospital here two weeks ago. So far as this newspaper has found out, she has not been before the coroner's jury since she left the hospital.

## TWELVE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES TO FORM INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

Will Have One Year Rule and Will Also Ban Summer Baseball — North Carolina University Is Represented.

(By The Associated Press.)

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Dec. 11.—Twelve southern state universities and branches of universities will form an athletic conference of their own with a one year rule and with a ban on summer baseball, according to plans made by their representatives at the annual meeting of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, which entered its second day's session here today. The decision to take steps toward forming a southern university conference at a meeting in Atlanta next February was made late last night after the association had voted down the one year rule and had declined to bar summer baseball. The institutions represented at the meeting of the new conference last night were:

Alabama University, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia Tech, Georgia University, Kentucky State, Maryland University, Mississippi A. & M., North Carolina University, South Carolina University, Tennessee University and Virginia University. All of the 12 are members of the S. I. A. A., except Virginia and Maryland, but whether the Old Dominion's entry into the proposed conference would mean that other Virginia institutions would leave the South Atlantic Conference and join the new organization was not known here.

As it is the proposed conference would be made up of colleges that normally turn out strong athletic teams, but many other important colleges, particularly in football, have not yet signified their intention of joining.

Centre College, Vanderbilt and Sewanee, which voted against the one year rule, are S. I. A. A. members who have not yet signified any intention of joining the new conference.

Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, North Carolina State, Furman, Tulane, Louisiana State University and other colleges with strong football elevens, also do not appear among the proponents of the new organization. It appeared to be the plan to have only state institutions in the new conference, which would bar several colleges.

The break in the S. I. A. A. had been predicted for some time previous to the annual meeting of the association and came last night when the dozen delegates with Professor S. V. Stanford, of Georgia, as chairman, met in the rooms of Dr. Albert Lefevre, of Virginia. Professor Sanford was empowered to call another meeting in February, at which it was regarded as certain final organization would be completed.

What effect the action of the 12 would have on the sessions of the association which come to an end tonight, were awaited with much interest.

## CORNWELL COMPANY MOVES AND CLASSIFIES BUSINESS INTO DEPARTMENTS

Announcement is made by the Cornwell Real Estate & Insurance Company of the removal of their offices from the Ragan building to rooms over the Third National Bank on Main avenue. Further announcement is made that the company's business has been reorganized into departments for the convenience of the public and to enhance the efficiency with which the business may be handled.

Mr. C. C. Cornwell is in active charge of the real estate, stocks and bonds department. Mr. W. S. Barfield, a capable insurance man, is in active charge of all the lines of insurance except life and automobile classifications. Mr. R. K. Davenport, Jr., is in active charge of the life and accident insurance. Mr. Davenport is associated with Mr. A. B. Carson, general agent of the Southern Life Insurance Co.

Mr. R. V. Williams, already becoming well known as "The Automobile Insurance Man," is in active charge of the automobile insurance department. This line of insurance is handled through the Philadelphia Underwriters, one of the oldest established concerns in the country.

## Moderate Temperatures and Occasional Rains Forecast

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Middle Atlantic States: Moderate temperature, considerable cloudiness and occasional rains or snows.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Moderate temperature; considerable cloudiness and occasional rains.

With the idea that it bends with the wearer's foot and therefore is more flexible, an inventor has patented a jointed ice skate.

Christmas is almost here — make it a joyful one — from the Big Gastonia Furniture Company's. 11c1

## DURHAM'S APPOINTMENT MAY BE HELD UP

Nomination of Gastonia Attorney For U. S. District Attorney Is Sent to Senate — Republicans May Hold It Up — Linney Might Get Job.

(Theodore Tiller, in Greensboro News.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The President sent to the senate today the nomination of Stonewall J. Durham, the Gastonia attorney, to be United States district attorney for the Western district of North Carolina succeeding District Attorney Hammer, who has been elected to Congress. The nomination of Mr. Durham, which had been expected for some time, was made on recommendation of Senator Overman.

Included in the list of nominations today was that of Representative Finis J. Garrett, of Tennessee, to be district judge for the western district of that state. Also that of Joseph H. Chittwood, of Roanoke, to be district attorney for the western district of Virginia.

With the exception of Representative Garrett there is no assurance that any of these nominations, or many others recently submitted by the President, will be confirmed by the Republican senate. There is grave doubt that Mr. Durham will ever be confirmed in the western district of North Carolina, no matter how hard a fight may be put up in his behalf by Senators Simmons and Overman. The nomination, according to the present temper of the Republican senate, promises to be an empty honor. It became pretty well established here today that the Republicans are not going to take time to consider the long list submitted by President Wilson. The embargo is to extend from such major appointments as members of the shipping board to third class postmasters. It would cover 50 odd Tar Heel postmaster appointments recently submitted, including the postmasters of Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

The probabilities are especially that the Republicans will hold up such an appointment as that of a district attorney. If Mr. Durham is sidetracked by the senate, gossip here today is that State Chairman Linney, of the Republican committee, will be named by the incoming Republican administration as district attorney to succeed Mr. Hammer.

## DEBATE ON IRISH POLICY TO BE OPENED TUESDAY

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Debate on the government's Irish policy is expected to be opened in the house of commons by liberal leaders next Tuesday. Announcement of martial law in southwestern Ireland, made by Premier Lloyd George before the house yesterday, was accompanied by intimations that debate on the subject was not desired, but it appears probable the lower house of parliament may be called upon to decide whether the cabinet's plans regarding Ireland are to be carried into execution without the acquiescence of the legislative branch of the government.

This question, should it come to a vote, would test the stability of the Lloyd George cabinet. Although the declaration of martial law in Ireland has been decided upon, the door to negotiations between the government and the Sinn Fein is not considered closed.

Comment in this morning's newspapers relative to the government's Irish policy, was, for the most part, restrained, and, with the exception of one journal, the government's proposals were nowhere wholly condemned.

The feature of the premier's speech that did not escape notice was the fact he was, in effect, holding an olive branch in one hand and the sword in the other. It evoked some questioning, but generally speaking was not regarded as banishing hope of success.

"Few will question the wisdom and propriety of the new policy," said the London Times, "if the government shows a true and settled purpose to encourage the forces making for honorable settlement. Martial law under responsible control is preferable to the existing system of indiscriminate and lawless reprisals."

While remarking on the "extraordinary contradictory dualism" of the premier's pronouncement the Daily News agreed that conditions in the districts affected by martial law should be better, provided there is proper administration of the military regime. The newspaper expressed pleasure at the premier's readiness to confer with Sinn Feiners.

Gratification over the proclamation of martial law in southwestern Ireland was expressed by the Morning Post, but it thought the proposal to confer with that "absurd and dangerous body calling itself the Dail Eireann" before restoring order was a somewhat dubious expedient.

The only note of condemnation came from the Daily Herald, organ of labor. It said the premier "definitely has pledged himself to a violation of justice, and has sworn to crush Ireland by jack-booted brutality."

Sterno Heat outfits at Kennedy's. 13c2

## GREAT CONVENTION OF BASEBALL MAGNATES

Will Completely Reorganize Nation's Great Game — Judge K. M. Landis Will Preside at Meetings.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The greatest convention of baseball interests ever assembled in this country, involving a program for complete reorganization of the sport's government, got under way here today. Overshadowing all other problems facing the conferees, who numbered representatives from all professional branches of "the national game," was the formulation of a new national agreement.

The sessions will continue for several days, under the presidency of Judge Landis, newly appointed head of the sport.

The annual meeting of the new International League, scheduled for Monday and the meetings of the National League and the National League of Baseball Writers, on Tuesday, are likely to be held simultaneously with those of the main gathering, if its business is not cleared up beforehand.

Besides the great task of formulating and enacting a new constitution, a number of other important matters are expected to be disposed of, including some important deals involving exchange of major league players.

Events that led up to the necessity of adopting a new national agreement had their beginning about two years ago when the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the organization of minor leagues, broke away from the national agreement because of a controversy relative to draft provisions. Then there arose from various quarters a demand for a reorganization of the national commission. The commission had been composed of the presidents of the National and American Leagues with August Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Club of the National League as chairman.

The organizations interested are represented as follows:

National League—August Herrmann Cincinnati; Barney Dreyfuss, Pittsburgh; and Charles H. Ebbetts, Brooklyn.

American League—James C. Dunn, of Cleveland; Thomas Shibe, Philadelphia and Frank Navin, Detroit.

National Association—Michael H. Sexton, president; Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American Association; J. D. Martin, president of the Southern Association; J. W. Morris, president of the Texas League; George H. Maines, president of the Michigan-Ontario League, and W. H. Walsh, president of the South Atlantic League.

In addition, John A. Heydler, president of the National League, Ban Johnson, president of the American League and Secretary John H. Farrell, of the National Association, are acting in an advisory capacity without vote. George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, and John Conway Toole, of New York, are legal advisers.

The new national agreement which the committees propose to draw up will replace the one adopted in 1903 and last amended January 15, 1918, and which has been the government of baseball since it was first adopted.

The new agreement in the opinion of baseball men here, is certain to contain a provision for the restoration of the draft system, which means the selection for fixed sums of players in one league by clubs in a league of higher classification. Such a provision is likely to meet with serious opposition from some of the minor leagues and it is not unlikely that it would result in some of them refusing to become a party to the new agreement. Some of the minor league clubs argued that under the old draft system they lost players through the draft when they could have received much more than the draft price.

The new agreement, in addition to outlining the duties and powers of Judge Landis, will confer upon him an official title, which probably will be director of baseball. He undoubtedly will have more power and authority than has been possessed by any individual or commission in the history of baseball.

The contract of Judge Landis runs for seven years and he will receive an annual salary of \$42,500, in addition to necessary traveling and office expenditures.

## 10,000 SEE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL GAME

(By The Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 11.—The Duval Tigers, champions of Florida and Georgia, and Haverhill High, champions of New England, clash this afternoon in the premier scholastic gridiron battle of the southeast. A crowd of 10,000 is expected to witness the contest, which is attracting unusual attention because of its inter-sectional nature.

"I will cede nothing!" shouts D'Annunzio, not even a metrical foot.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

Many homes will be Delighted with the beautiful lamps being sold at the Gastonia Furniture Company's. 11c

## COL. GEORGE HARVEY GIVES HARDING POINTS ON FOREIGN POLICY

Suggestions Include Formation of An Association of Nations — Col. Harvey Wants to Stay Out of Versailles League Altogether.

(By The Associated Press.)

MARION, O., Dec. 11.—Suggestions for a new American foreign policy, including the formation of an association of nations, were heard by President-elect Harding today from Colonel George Harvey, who was one of his close advisers in formulating his campaign policies toward the Versailles league.

Colonel Harvey came to Marion yesterday at the very beginning of Mr. Harding's conferences here on the association plan and in addition to holding long conversations on the subject with the president-elect today, it was said he might remain until next week to give his advice as the administration program develops.

Mr. Harding has indicated that even the groundwork for the association of nations is yet to be laid, and that he begins his promised "meeting of minds" here without a definite plan even on rudimentary forms, for an international council. In asking advice he will seek a program behind which there is some assurance of an united country, rather than attempt to put forward any specification of his own.

In that connection it is recalled that when he first proposed an association of nations in his speech of August 28, he suggested that it be built on the frame work of The Hague tribunal, or upon the practical features of the Versailles league or by combining "all that is good in both." Since that time he has given no indication that he is prepared to be more definite in his recommendations, and it is expected that during the coming months he will ask his conferees in particular which of these instrumentalities they consider most available.

Bound up in this is the question of whether the United States should enter the Versailles league on any terms and before Mr. Harding makes his decision he will talk with those who favor going in without reservations as well as those who favor staying out entirely.

Colonel Harvey belongs to the latter class, while Herbert Hoover, who will be here tomorrow, was a leader of the pro-league group.

## IMMIGRATION BILL WILL COME TO VOTE

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—House members opposing the Johnson bill prohibiting immigration to the United States for one year today agreed with those supporting the measure to secure a vote before adjournment. Both factions conceded passage of the bill but Representative Siegel, republican, New York, and Sabath, democrat, Illinois, predicted this would only mean "sending it to the senate for burial." In their opinion, senate leaders will defer action as long as possible and then will decline to pass the bill at this session.

A survey of amendments held for introduction by more than a score of members and requests to the speaker for time by those desired to discuss the bill, indicated a vote would not be reached until late. Many members today received telegraph appeals from immigration societies urging them to vote against the bill. A strengthening of the opposition developed yesterday and was somewhat more apparent today. Only a few of the more optimistic, however, entertained the belief the bill would be defeated in the house.

## FIVE-GALLON JUG HAS PLACE IN HISTORY

(By The Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11.—A five-gallon gray stone jug will have a position of honor on the University of Michigan table at the banquet of the Western Conference Alumni Association here tonight. The jug has a history dating back to 1903. The Michigan football team of that year journeyed to Minneapolis to play the University of Minnesota. A five-gallon gray stone jug filled with Ann Arbor water was taken to Minneapolis by the trainer when the game ended in a 6-6 score. During the excitement attending the close of the game, the jug disappeared, and later appeared in the trophy room of the University of Minnesota. It remained there until 1909, when the Michigan team again went to Minneapolis to play. The night before the contest it was announced that if Michigan won she could have her jug back. Michigan won 12-5, and went home carrying her five-gallon jug.

Cotton is quoted today at 16 cents on the local market, an advance from 14 1/2 cents a day or so ago.

Eastman Kodaks and supplies at Kennedy's. Service Trays and Kennedy's.