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REV. C. Q. RHYNE MEETS TRAGIC DEATH WHILE HUNTING WITH FRIENDS

Pastor of Lowell Baptist Church Accidentally Shot and Killed by T. G. Setzer, of Gastonia — Tragedy Occurred Near Maiden — Died Last Night in Lincolnton Hospital.



Rev. Clarence Q. Rhyme, pastor of the Lowell Baptist church, met a tragic death yesterday when he was accidentally shot and killed by his companion and friend, T. G. Setzer, while they were out bird hunting at Oliver's Cross roads, seven miles out from Maiden, Catawba county. After receiving the loads from both barrels of a shot gun in his body he was taken as quickly as possible by automobile to the Lincolnton Hospital, where Dr. Henry F. Glenn, of Gastonia, and the hospital surgeons operated in an unsuccessful attempt to save his life. The accident occurred at 10:50 yesterday morning, he was operated on at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and died about 8:30 last night. The body was brought to the Ford Undertaking Company's establishment here last night and prepared for burial, later being removed to the residence of Mr. W. M. Bell, father-in-law of the deceased, on route four, where Mr. Rhyme made his home.

No blame attaches to Mr. Setzer for the lamentable occurrence, the killing having been purely accidental. Mr. Setzer himself is almost prostrated with grief over the tragedy. He and Mr. Rhyme were very close friends and had hunted together many times this fall. He is a machinist at the Piedmont Spinning Mill here and lives with his father-in-law, Mr. W. S. Smith, at 528 Norfolk street. Mr. C. L. Jones, a farmer of that section, was out hunting with them and was present when the accident occurred.

Accompanied by Mr. Setzer and his younger brother, Floyd Setzer, Mr. Rhyme left here about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the party going in Mr. Setzer's car. Arriving at Mr. Jones' home they were joined by him and immediately started to the woods on a bird hunt. The dogs flushed a covey of birds and several were killed. The hunters then started out to get some single birds. Coming to a point where two trees stood about three feet apart Setzer stepped behind to let Rhyme pass between the trees first. Just at that moment Setzer noticed a dove flying overhead and, preparatory to taking a shot at it, pushed the safety on his gun as he raised it. In some manner which Mr. Setzer is unable to explain the gun fired when he pushed the safety. Both barrels were discharged, the double load striking Rhyme in the left thigh and making a very ugly wound. A few of the shot also penetrated the large intestine, it was discovered when he was operated on.

Immediately after the accident the injured man was removed to the home of Mr. Tate Caldwell, about half a mile distant, and efforts were made to get a physician, but without success. Mr. Setzer's car, which was about two miles away, was gotten as quickly as possible and Mr. Rhyme was hurried to the Lincolnton Hospital. Assisting Mr. Setzer in getting Mr. Rhyme to the hospital were Floyd Setzer, C. L. Jones, Henry Jones and Henry Caldwell. Mr. Rhyme bled very little externally until the party neared Lincolnton, when he bled profusely. Internal hemorrhages, however, together with the fact that his intestines had been perforated, hastened his death.

Deceased was 30 years old and was a native of Gaston county. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Rhyme, who now live at Rockingham. He is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Mr. W. M. Bell, with whom they lived, and three young children; five brothers and two sisters, Messrs. Ed, Kelly, Elvin, Robert and Marshall Rhyme, Miss Ida Rhyme and another sister, who teaches at Rockingham. He was educated at South Fork Institute, Maiden, and had been in the ministry for about four years, practically all of that time having been included in his pastorate at Lowell and Spencer Mountain. He was unusually popular at both of those appointments, which constitute one pastorate. He was a young man of many excellent qualities and was held in the very highest esteem not only by his parishioners, who were very devoted to him, but by all with whom he came in contact. He was desig-

HARDING CALLS IN W. J. BRYAN FOR TALK ABOUT ASSOCIATION PLAN

Former Secretary of State Brings Fund of Information to Lay Before President-Elect.

(By the Associated Press.)

MARION, O., Dec. 17.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state under President Wilson and for many years an earnest advocate of world peace, was called into consultation today by President-elect Harding regarding the plan for an association of nations.

The first former official of the democratic administration to be summoned to the republican president-elect's council table here, Mr. Bryan brought a fund of special knowledge by virtue of his experience in negotiating more than a score of arbitration treaties while he was head of the department of state. It was understood that these treaties constituted one of the principal subjects of Mr. Harding's inquiries.

Recently another former secretary, Elihu Root, suggested that arbitration treaties throughout the world might be amended so that all justiciable questions between nations would be referred to the new league of nations court rather than to temporary arbitration boards. On the possibility of making such amendments in the American treaties Mr. Bryan was in position to give first hand information.

The Bryan treaties also have been discussed many times as furnishing in themselves a basis for reaching a world agreement in the interest of peace.

A proposal that nations bind themselves not to go to war except by a vote of the people has been another of Mr. Bryan's suggestions as a basis for a world league and it is known that Mr. Harding has considered it in his conferences here. It is assumed that to discuss the practical working of such an agreement was one of the purposes of today's conference.

The former secretary was a warm advocate of the Versailles league, but after unreserved ratification failed he entered the fight actively to secure democratic acceptance of the republican reservations. It was not revealed today what opinion he expressed regarding the present practicability of American acceptance of the covenant.

Arriving here late in the forenoon, Mr. Bryan had most of the remainder of the day set aside for him on Mr. Harding's appointment schedules. Tonight the two will speak from the same platform at a Presbyterian church rally here.

FIRE-SWEEP DISTRICT WILL BE REBUILT

(By the Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The work of rebuilding the Jahnecke dry docks, which were destroyed by fire, which also damaged three ships anchored nearby, yesterday afternoon, entailing a loss of approximately \$2,000,000, was begun early this morning. Throughout the night necessary building materials were hastily assembled and every available employee of the company was placed at work this morning.

Plans for rebuilding the wharves and dry docks destroyed in the spectacular fire were announced by Ernest Lee Jahnecke, head of the corporation, last night even before the flames had died down, and will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

The fire was caused by the breaking of an electric wire carrying a heavy voltage, the end of which fell into the river, which was covered by oil escaping from nearby tankers. The flames spread rapidly over the oil soaked timbers of the wharf, causing a heavy cloud of smoke which made it difficult to fight the flames or to tell just what ships and property were burning.

PEKING EARTHQUAKE HERE NOT ONE RECORDED

PEKING, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—An earthquake was felt here at 8:20 o'clock tonight. The earth tremor rocked buildings and created much excitement in the hotels and clubs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The earthquake felt in Peking on the night of December 16 was distinct from the heavy shock recorded yesterday by seismographs in the United States, in the opinion of the Rev. Francis A. Tondorf, director of the seismograph observatory at Georgetown University. There was not only a variance in time between the two disturbances, Father Tondorf said, but the Chinese quake was far outside the distance indicated by the seismographs and as to which there was substantial agreement among American observers.

nated by all as a fine fellow and his tragic death has cast a gloom over his congregations and his host of friends throughout the county. At the time of going to press definite arrangements for the funeral had not been made, information as to the time of arrival of members of the family from the eastern part of the State being lacking. It is stated, however, that the funeral will be held some time tomorrow at the Bell home and interment will be in Hollywood cemetery here.

CHRISTMAS BONUS CHECKS ARE LACKING

Year's Business Depression Causes Absence of Spontaneous Christmas Spirit of Past Three Years.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Christmas in the financial district this year, judged by surface conditions, will lack the spontaneous and prodigal spirit which made memorable the holiday seasons of the three preceding years.

This change is directly traceable to the world-wide reaction in finance, industry and general trade, a fact which has been brought home to Wall Street with increasing emphasis during the past few weeks.

For the most part, the banks, trust companies, and other financial institutions have had a prosperous year and the better known private banking houses, especially those of international repute, are expected to show unusual liberality in the distribution of their gratuities.

Already several prominent banks have announced bonuses ranging from 15 to 25 per cent of yearly salaries, these complementing similar advances made during the year in recognition of increased living costs.

In several instances Christmas gifts are expected to amount to 50 per cent of the year's pay, accompanied by an increase of salary for the coming year.

Stock exchange firms and commission houses are not expected to be so liberal as in the past, many of them having felt the contraction of the last half year, as have also many individual traders, other than those bears who have profited by market reversals.

There will be generous distributions, however, by all the exchanges to their employees, the stock exchange leading off tomorrow with a Santa Claus celebration.

SPARTANBURG REPORTS TWO HOMICIDES

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 16.—Munroe N. Inman, well known citizen of this city, was shot and almost instantly killed early this morning by his 21-year-old son, Manning, following a personal difficulty between father and son.

Mrs. Inman testified at the inquest this afternoon that she heard her husband, who was in a room with his son, declare that he was going to kill the young man. A moment later, she said, the son attempted to escape from the house, his father pursuing him with a butcher knife. The son found the door locked, Mrs. Inman said, and turned, receiving a cut on the arm. Almost immediately, Mrs. Inman testified, she heard a pistol shot and ran into the room, where she found her husband dead on the floor and his son Manning standing nearby. A pistol shot was lying on the bed in the room, where she found her husband dead on the floor and his son Manning standing nearby. A pistol was lying on the bed in the room.

Tours Inman was placed in the county jail, but application for his release on bail will be made at once by his attorney.

The young man has made no statement and nothing is known concerning the cause of the tragedy. The dead man was formerly connected in a responsible capacity with the Stephens Manufacturing Company, and later was traveling salesman with a prominent shoe concern. Manning Inman has borne excellent reputation here and has been employed by a local mercantile concern.

W. D. Mitchell, aged manager of Whitlock's store, four miles from Spartanburg, was found lying dead in a pool of blood in the front of the store at an early hour this morning. He had been shot through the heart with a shotgun and evidently had been dead some hours. The theory of the officers working on the case is that he was shot about 9 o'clock last night. His purse, supposed to have contained considerable money, was taken from the body and pockets had been disturbed.

Mr. Mitchell slept in the rear of the store, taking his meals at a home nearby. Last night a young man called at a home near the store and inquired as to where he could find the manager of the store, stating that he wished to purchase some gasoline. He proceeded to the store, and a few minutes later a loud report was heard by neighbors, but it was presumed that a passing auto had burst a tire. Today those who heard the report are confident that it was the report of the shotgun they heard. Mr. Mitchell was 65 years old and unmarried.

SOUTHERN GIRL, MISS CALDWELL, DISAPPEARS IN DETROIT

DETROIT, Dec. 17.—A search of deserted summer cottages and hunting lodges on islands in the lower Detroit river was begun by police today, in an effort to find Miss Mary E. Caldwell, who disappeared Wednesday night. Search of the islands was decided upon after one of the girl's gloves, containing a note from her, had been picked up in a street near the river. The note said she was about to be "taken away by four men, in a boat."

The attention of the authorities was centered upon the unfrequented islands recently by stories that bands of rum runners had taken up headquarters there.

HOME GUARD AND LEGIONAIRES SWORN IN AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS

Comparative Quiet Prevails on Streets of Kansas City Following Near Race Riot.

(By The Associated Press.)

INDEPENDENCE, KAN., Dec. 17.—Members of the home guard and American Legion were patrolling the streets here today as a result of race disorders last night in which a white boy and a negro were killed and four white men wounded, three critically.

Other home guard members and legionnaires, sworn in as deputy sheriffs, were on duty near the county jail, where, according to Chief of Police E. H. Hall, Noble Green, a negro, whose alleged action in killing R. R. Wharton, a white grocer, yesterday, precipitated the trouble, is confined. Reports were current late last night that Green has been taken to the state prison at Lansing for safekeeping, but they were denied by Chief Hall, who said he "had an agreement with them" that no attempt would be made to lynch Green. "Them", Hall explained, "meant a number of men who are in town." Threats of lynching were made late yesterday after Green had been captured at his home by a posse.

The local officials were without information this morning as to whether national guardsmen would be sent here as a precautionary measure. While the disorders were going on, the request for troops was telephoned to the governor's office at Topeka. Later the authorities, assisted by home guardsmen and American Legion men, were able to get the situation under control and the town was quiet this morning.

According to officials, the trouble was not unexpected and had been brewing all day yesterday. The climax came when Mayor J. L. Wadman, and Chief Hall accosted a crowd of armed negroes on the streets and urged them to go home. While they were talking, a group of armed whites came up. According to witnesses, Arthur Harper, negro, without warning shot dead Lawrence Clennan, a white boy. Before Harper could lower his weapon he was riddled with bullets. The shooting was a signal for a general encounter. Both sides were soon reinforced and the firing spread rapidly, the combatants taking refuge behind whatever shelter they could find. It was then that the officers summoned aid, but it was more than an hour and a half before the streets were finally cleared, the theatres closed and citizens warned to remain indoors.

REPUBLICANS TO TALK OVER REAPPORTIONMENT IN HOUSE MEMBERSHIP

Some Want to Increase Membership and Others Want It Decreased—Tinkham Wants to Hit the South.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Reapportionment of membership in the house of representatives to correspond with population changes as recorded in the 1920 census will be considered by republican members of the house at a caucus called for tonight.

Nearly half a dozen reapportionment measures have been presented since the convening of the present session. The principal one, submitted by Representative Siegel, of New York, chairman of the census committee, provides for a house membership of 483 as compared with a present membership of 435.

Representative Hull, democrat, of Tennessee, has proposed a constitutional amendment which would fix 450 as the permanent maximum membership of the house. The only bill proposing a cut in the present membership was offered yesterday by Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas, who suggests that the size of the house be cut to 304 members.

One of the measures bearing on reapportionment, which majority leaders plan to consider at tonight's meeting, was offered by Representative Tinkham, republican, Massachusetts. It would direct a congressional investigation of alleged negro disfranchisement in the southern states and a corresponding cut in the representation of those states in the house.

MRS. ALICE GRANDALL RETURNS TO STAND

MACON, Ga., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Alice Grandall, whose testimony that her brother, Fred D. Shepard, died last June as the result of a poison plot by his wife and other persons seeking his wealth, was ordered to return to the stand in preliminary hearing here today for redirect examination.

A desire to void the claims of Shepard's widow, now Mrs. Pauline Elmer, of Jacksonville, and her family, to the Shepard money in order that Mrs. Grandall and her brother's other relatives might obtain it, was intimated by the defense in a series of questions which Mrs. Grandall met with vigorous denials.

SPARTAN MILLS MAKE ANOTHER BIG CUT

(By The Associated Press.)

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 17.—Spartan Mills, one of the largest in this section, employing about 1,000 operatives, announced today an additional cut of 20 per cent in wages, effective next Monday.

This will make a total wage cut of 30 per cent by this mill in the past 90 days. Other mills in this section are making similar wage cuts.

Managers of the mills say that they must either cut wages or close down, due to the depression in the goods market. They say the operatives understand the situation and have agreed to accept the wage cut rather than to be thrown out of employment entirely. The mills will close down for three days next week on account of the Christmas holidays but expect to run on practically full time thereafter, although most of them are storing their goods rather than sell them at present prices. Spartan Mills has 67,000 bales of cloth in its warehouses according to President W. S. Montgomery.

ALBANIA IS ADMITTED INTO LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—Albania was elected a member of the league of nations by the assembly of the league here this morning.

Immediately after the opening of today's session of the assembly, Lord Robert Cecil, although appointed to make a report on the admission of Albania, to the league, took the floor and declared he disagreed with the report of the committee, which was adverse to according Albania membership. He asked the assembly to elect Albania a member.

The application of Lichtenstein and Ukraine also were before the assembly today. The committee on admission of new states was unanimously adverse to granting membership to them. During yesterday's voting the British empire was divided on nearly every question, South Africa and Canada voting against Great Britain on the admission of Georgia; Canada voting against South Africa and Great Britain regarding Armenia, and Australia abstaining from voting when the application of Bulgaria was before the assembly.

The action of the committee in recommending the rejection of the applications of Baltic states and Georgia was due largely to American influence. The committee had before it a document containing the note sent on August 10 to the Italian ambassador by Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, who stated the United States policy was that decision should be held in abeyance concerning territories carved out of the former Russian empire.

Differences between the council of the league of nations and the assembly of the league regarding mandates were before the assembly today. After a long debate during yesterday's session, regarding the report of the mandates commission complaining of the council's refusal to submit a draft of the mandates for Syria, Mesopotamia and Palestine except under certain conditions, the matter was left over for settlement today, if possible.

The original report of the mandates commission was a sharp arraignment of the council, but the language used was considerably softened by the full commission, following the debate on the floor of the assembly. The council declined to submit drafts of the mandates except upon a promise by the commission that no reference to the provisions of the mandate would be made in the report to the assembly.

Disposal of this question, action upon three more applications for membership and decision relative to the league budget were all that remained today to be disposed of during this session of the assembly. Hope was expressed this morning that this work might be finished today so that tomorrow's final session might be devoted to the ceremonies of closing. It seemed probable Rene Vivanti, head of the French delegation, would appear tomorrow, he having been solicited by many delegates to make the principal closing speech.

JESS WILLARD PREPARES TO COME BACK AT DEMPSEY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, expects to train intensively three months in preparation for his bout to regain the title from Jack Dempsey in New York March 17, according to a statement made here by Ray Archer, his manager.

Archer came to Kansas City from Lawrence, Kas., the home of the former champion, to confer with Hugh Walker, a heavyweight, concerning the employment of Walker as one of Willard's sparring partners. Walker will meet Captain Bob Roper, heavyweight, in a bout here December 30. According to Archer, Willard already has begun to train, although his work is somewhat handicapped because his home is quarantined on account of illness in his family. Archer said Willard expects to have several sparring partners and that he would make every effort to obtain well known fighters.

Discussing the coming bout with Dempsey, Archer said: "Willard isn't thinking about money. He wants to prove to the public that he was not himself in Toledo."

GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA THREATENS EDITOR WITH DOUBLE-BARRELLED GUN

Sidney J. Catts Writes Open Letter to Joe L. Earmann, Editor of Palm Beach Post.

(By The Associated Press.)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 17.—In an open letter given out today, Governor Sidney J. Catts, of Florida, threatens to go to West Palm Beach, Fla., with his "double barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot" and have "final settlement" with Joe L. Earmann, president of the state board of health and publisher of the Palm Beach Post, a daily newspaper.

The chief executive states in his letter that he does not want "any trouble" with Mr. Earmann, but that he is tired of his "tyranny, arrogance and big stick bossing," and that "this is the last warning."

The letter from Governor Catts follows publication by Mr. Earmann in his paper of an article which the chief executive characterizes as "a page and a half of vituperation and bitterness" against him "on account of reinstating Edgar Thompson," state's attorney at West Palm Beach.

Governor Catts writes that he is "not mad" with Mr. Earmann and that he is "not going to remove" him from office, but states:

"I am not going to let you rule and boss me at your whim and pleasure. I am a man and stand in a man's place and I do not run away from any West Palm Beachers when they hang me in effigy as you did when they hung you."

In conclusion he says, "If you publish one more page in your paper like this last one or bother me or my business or my children any more I will go to West Palm Beach, Fla., with my double barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot and have a final settlement with you."

TO INVESTIGATE RECENT RIOTS IN FLORIDA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The federal district attorney for Florida has been instructed by the department of justice to investigate the riots between negroes and whites at Ocoee, Fla., last month, to determine whether any federal statutes have been violated.

This was learned today after Henry White, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, had called at the department to ask that action be taken. He presented evidence designed to show that more than thirty negroes had been killed in the riots and that negro voters in the south had been terrorized and asked that the department take action.

Mr. White has just returned from Ocoee, where he said he had gathered the evidence presented to the department.

First accounts of the trouble at Ocoee, a village in Orange county, were that five negroes had been burned to death and another lynched after two white men had been killed. It was said that the trouble followed the attempt of a negro to vote after he had been denied that right by election officials on the grounds that he had not paid his poll tax.

Mr. White told department of justice officials that he had been informed by white inhabitants of Ocoee that between 32 and 35 negroes were killed and that the trouble arose when Mose Norman, a well-to-do negro man, attempted to vote. The registration books at Orlando, the county seat, Mr. White said, showed that Norman had paid his poll tax and had registered.

NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIDED FOR INEFFICIENCY

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Three more unsolved murder mysteries—one involving the theft of \$100,000 in jewelry and one the slaying of a police lieutenant—were chalked up today against a police department smarting under newspaper attacks for alleged inefficiency.

Most spectacular of the new and unsolved crimes was the holdup and murder yesterday afternoon in the heart of the Fifth avenue shopping district of Edwin W. Andrews, wholesale jeweler. Three bandits shot and clubbed Andrews to death, gagged and bound three men who entered the store while they were collecting their loot, and sauntered leisurely out into the milling crowds on the avenue.

A few hours later—shortly before midnight—Police Lieutenant Floyd Horton was mortally wounded by taxicab bandits at 146th street and Broadway, when he leaped on the running board of their car in an effort to capture them.

Almost at the same hour that Lieutenant Horton received his death wound, the body of a well dressed man about 35 years of age, was found bullet riddled in 107th street. His assassin or assassins had sent five bullets into him and made their escape without leaving a tangible clue. Even the victims name remained unknown early this morning.

The eyes of a new doll can be moved all directions by a lever protruding from the back of the figure's head and held by the hair.