

RUMOR IS THAT THE SULTAN OF TURKEY HAS ABDICATED

GASTONIA WOMAN FACES CHARGE OF BIGAMY; THREE TIMES MARRIED

Mrs. D. L. Shook Declares Law Means Nothing To Her.

MARRIED AT 12 YEARS.

Thought First Husband Had Been Killed In France.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 6.—"I want my boy. He's mine. I bore him. And though the rest of the world is against me, I shall have him."

Mrs. James David Shook, of Gastonia, N. C., three times a wife, now waging a desperate fight, in the face of bigamy charges, for possession of her nine-year-old boy, who, she says, was wrongfully taken from her and adopted by an Atlanta family, thus pleaded mother love Tuesday as the chief reason for recovery of her boy.

Monday she was released from the Fulton county jail on \$500 bond after an unsuccessful visit to Atlanta to get her child from John W. Fretwell, of 285 Cramley street, its foster father, who refuses to give up the boy.

"I am going to have my baby anyhow," said Mrs. Shook. "He's mine and I will have him. I am going to stay right here until my trial comes up and I win him."

Mrs. Shook in the blindness of mother love cannot see legal barriers. They are as nothing to her, she said. The only thing that matters to her is that the boy is hers and that she wants him.

Loves Present Husband.

"I am not Mrs. Connell," she persisted. "I am Mrs. A. L. Shook. I will live and die Mrs. Shook. I love the man I am now with and I intend to stay with him until the end."

"I did marry J. A. Connell when I was 12 years old, but he didn't live with me but about three months. Then he went away in the army and the next I heard of him was in 1917, five years later, when he was reported killed in France. I saw his name on the death list, too."

"After I heard he was dead I married again, but my second husband, J. L. George, of Kirkwood, was no good and he would not support me, so I left him and got a divorce. And then I married Shook and I am going to stay married to him, because I love him. I was married to Shook when my first husband showed up. I thought he was dead, but he wasn't, so I am going to have the marriage annulled. I was only 12 when I married him. I ran away from school."

"Soon after my first husband left me my baby was born. I was in Atlanta soon after and was sick. I had been boarding at Mrs. Fretwell's brother's home. When I went to the hospital I put my baby in the Georgia Baptist Orphanage in Hopeville. That was on Friday. When I went for him on Monday he was gone. The Fretwells adopted him and wouldn't give him back to me."

Barred From Child.

"When I came down here a short while ago to see my boy they wouldn't let me see him. Then they arrested me and put me in jail on this charge of bigamy. I wired my husband and he came down to get me out."

"It was all wrong about me leaving Shook and going back to Alabama. I never have left him and never will. And it was all wrong about me not having any money. I have money."

"I have been promised a job here at the telephone company. I am going to work while I am here."

Mrs. Shook, or Connell, said she did not think the courts would refuse her her child when she "revealed some things" she said she knew about the foster parents of the child.

Mrs. Shook brought habeas corpus proceedings for her child not long ago. Fretwell fought the case and won. A few days later the indictment charging bigamy was returned. Saturday the impulse to see her boy brought Mrs. Shook again to Atlanta. Fretwell, it was said, remembered the old bigamy charge and she was arrested.

She said she had retained a new lawyer, Frank A. Doughman, to fight her battle for the nine-year-old son and against the charge of bigamy.

INTRODUCING PURE BREED STOCK INTO MEXICO.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Introduction of pure bred American live-stock for the rehabilitation of Mexican agriculture has begun in a systematic way, according to Guy H. Hall, director of the National Institute of Progressive Farming. B. F. Abbott, a representative of the Mexican Auxiliary of the Livestock Registry Association of the United States at Mexico City, writes that Mexico is stocking her vast plains with purebred, which probably will give Mexico a wealth greater than her mines and oil wells, and add to the world's food supply.

"Mexico is a potential market for American farm machinery, but in the matter of tractors there is an anomaly," said Mr. Abbott. "There are a number of tractors in Mexico—Paucho Villa has two—but it is costly to operate them. This is because the price of gasoline is so high. With the greatest oil fields in the world, Mexico is without refineries and gasoline is imported."

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, local thundershowers this afternoon or tonight; somewhat cooler tonight; Sunday fair and cooler.

Liquor Is Prohibited On Both American and Foreign Vessels, —Attorney General Daugherty

No Liquor On American Vessels Wherever Operated Is Order.

A COURT FIGHT FORESEEN

Chairman Lasker Considers Ruling a Blow to American Merchant Marine.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Masters of shipping board vessels were ordered today by Chairman Lasker, by direction of the President and in accordance with Attorney General Daugherty's liquor opinion, to remove and surrender to treasury department officials all intoxicating liquors aboard such ships.

The order, which applies to government ships operated by the board and under charter to private concerns, became effective immediately with respect to vessels in American ports and will be made effective on those at sea and in foreign ports upon their arrival at American ports.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The executive branch of the government was proceeding to the immediate enforcement today of the interpretation of the prohibition amendment and the enforcement act by the legal branch as prohibiting the transportation or sale of liquor on American vessels, wherever operated, and the presence of liquor on foreign ships anywhere within American territorial waters.

Acting on orders issued by President Harding immediately after publication yesterday of the opinion handed down by the Department of Justice, Chairman Lasker, of the Shipping Board, was moving to stop at once the sale or transportation of liquor on government ships, while Secretary Mellon was proceeding to give due notice to private owners, the prohibition as to both to take effect at once, or as soon as vessels reach home ports. The treasury secretary also was charged with the formulation of regulations for the enforcement as to foreign ships, to begin as soon as such regulations can be promulgated.

The next development awaited in the situation, as foreseen by both Attorney General Daugherty and Chairman Lasker, was a move by foreign lines to secure a final determination in the courts of the application of American dry laws to foreign ships entering American territorial waters. In the opinion these were construed to include waters not only within the three mile limit of continental United States, but also of the Philippines, the Hawaiian islands, Porto Rico, the Virgin islands and Alaska, the Panama canal zone being exempted because of its specific exemption in the enforcement statute itself.

With the government already advised that a case is about to be filed which would bring the issue as to foreign ships to the Supreme Court, Chairman Lasker was of the opinion that the foreign lines would first seek to restrain enforcement of the law by an injunction, which, he said, it was reasonable to suppose the courts would grant.

Mr. Lasker foresaw not only a stay of enforcement as to foreign ships by this course, but also expressed the opinion that regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court American ships would be placed at a permanent disadvantage, citing as an illustration that even though the interpretation as to foreign ships were upheld it would not prevent the selling liquor up to the three mile limit, where remaining stocks could be dumped overboard. The shipping board chairman further expressed the opinion that the enforcement would undoubtedly hamper the board's efforts to build up American shipping to the Orient and South America. The disadvantages which he believed would result to the American merchant marine would make more necessary, he said, enactment of the ship subsidy bill if the American flag was to stay on the high seas.

The opinion handed down by the attorney general, in response to a request from Secretary Mellon last June, was based as to the interpretation regarding foreign ships upon precedents of the authority of federal prohibition agents to prevent the transfer of a liquor cargo from one foreign ship to another in an American port.

There was a suggestion today that Congress might be asked to take up the bill introduced more than a year ago by Representative Edmonds, Pennsylvania, ranking republican of the house merchant marine committee, which would permit American passenger ships engaged in foreign commerce to sell liquor beyond the three mile limit. At hearings on the bill before Chairman Volstead's judiciary committee, representatives of American shipping lines contended they could not compete with foreign vessels, on which liquor was sold.

Officers of the Anti-Saloon League vigorously opposed the measure, declaring it was their intention to extend the American drought to the seven seas.

After the hearings the fight for the bill suddenly ended, the explanation being made privately that the "problem had been solved" by the action of the shipping board in stocking its ships with the things a thirsty traveler demanded.

Considering the dry temper of the public.

J. R. HARRISON DEFIES KU KLUX KLAN AND IS VERY WARMLY PRAISED

Fayetteville Alderman Again In Ku Klux Lime-light.

HE PUBLISHES HIS DEFL.

Suggests to Ku Klux That They Take "Me Out and Give Me a Whipping."

FAYETTEVILLE, Oct. 6.—J. R. Harrison, Fayetteville alderman, who is a tobacco salesman by vocation and leader of the Ku Klux Klan by choice, has once more defied the lightning and is very well this morning. Harrison, who beat up the organizer of the local Klan a few months ago, published an open letter to the klansmen yesterday afternoon, in which he urged, even begged them to come and take him out last night. He spent the early hours of the night around the hotels and cigar stores on Hay street, where he was seen and spoken to by hundreds of persons, but was not molested. It is said that it took Mr. Harrison more than an hour to get up town on account of the number of people who stopped him to congratulate him on writing the letter in which his opinion of the Klan was expressed in unvarnished terms.

Harrison broke into the limelight last April when he had the encounter with E. C. Stevenson, the K. K. K. organizer. During the fray Stevenson pulled a pistol and Harrison bared his breast and doped him to shoot, when Stevenson dropped the gun to the ground.

Harrison's letter was brought out by an incident which occurred last Friday night when the Ku Klux held a parade here, during which one of the rebel and masked horsemen drew up at the home of one of the most highly esteemed ladies of this city, who was ill in a hospital at the time, and left a missive for a young lady boarder. It is said that a leading member of the local Klan had been turned out of this boarding house.

After telling how he had been approached by Stevenson last fall and asked to join the Klan, and had seriously considered doing so but decided not to because he did not believe their principles were in keeping with the American spirit, Harrison concluded his letter thus:

"Now, we will take the scene that was staged on our streets last Friday night, that will go down in history as a damnable disgrace to our town. Were they murderers, thieves, robbers, or gamblers? Their faces were covered; so we have no way to tell, but we do know one thing—not one drop of gentlemanly blood flows through their veins, for no gentleman would allow such stuff as they carried on Friday night."

"Here is their claim: that they are 100 per cent American and 400 strong in Fayetteville. "In regard to the 100 per cent American that they claim to be, during the world war 90,000 mothers' sons of North Carolina gave up their homes and loved ones and sailed across the sea and fought on foreign soil to suppress just such principles as the K. K. K. stands for, and I today have friends and loved ones that sleep in unmarked graves in Flanders' fields, from whose blood the lilies of France have grown richer and sweeter. Ask these fathers and mothers whose sons made the supreme sacrifice if they were one hundred per cent American. Now, you may have to be a 100 per cent American to be a K. K. K., but, thank God, you don't have to be a K. K. K. to be a 100 per cent American."

"Now, in conclusion, you claim to be 400 strong in Fayetteville. I am one single man that makes this suggestion to you, Thursday night is your meeting night. After your meeting Thursday night, you take me out and give me a good whipping. Now, don't be cowardly and say, as you did to the minister of the Gospel over at Laurinburg who refused your money, 'We will see you later.' I am aware that you can overpower me and do what you want to do, but please me, men, one time, and take me this Thursday night and do what you are going to do or admit to the public of Fayetteville that you are 400 common, cowardly curs."

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Cotton futures closed steady. October 21.31; December 21.64; January 21.53; March 21.65; July 21.42. Spots closed steady at 21.55, five points up.

GASTONIA COTTON.

Receipts today 66 bales Price 21.14 cents

May Lose Throne



King Alexander of Yugoslavia who recently wed Princess Marie of Rumania may lose his throne as the result of a revolution engineered by those who support the crown claims of his brother.

GHOST FROM THE GRAVE OF BASEBALL THROWS A SCARE INTO THE YANKS

Long John Scott, Tar Heel Pitcher, Blanks Yankees With Blast From The Sepulchre.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Their aspirations cooled by the frigid breath of a ghost from baseball's graveyard, Miller Huggins' Yankees stood today in the shadows of their own tomb. They must recover from the blight of the phantom, long John Scott, whose rattling Tar Heel bones gave them a scare yesterday from the likes of which only one team in world series history has recovered.

The unearthly pitching that the spook bought from the cemetery caused the Yankees' bats to pass through as if the balls were bits of ectoplasm, and, in a worldly way of speaking, defeated them 3 to 0 in the third game of the world series. The defeat was the second in the series for the Yankees. In the series of 1921 the Giants set a precedent by winning the title after spotting the Yankees to the first two games.

Long John's pitching bones were laid to rest last July, at Pat Moran, of the Cincinnati Reds, officiated at the obsequies. He had pronounced John's pitching days over, the dirge was droned and the baseball world soon forgot that John Scott had ever lived.

Then some world being communicated with spirit land and Scott learned there was a death of pitchers. He turned over in his musty coffin, pushed out its sides and stalked the earth. He liked it, decided to stay, got a job, and showed faint signs of materializing. John McGraw, of the Giants, needed pitchers, and he would have them, even if they had to be resurrected.

So the gaunt figure of John Scott appeared yesterday on the mound they call the pitcher's box. Versed as he was in the tricks of the "beyond" he put 'em where the Yankees couldn't see them. Everywhere a Yankee waved his hands Long John let them tap them, depending on the support and his dependence was well placed.

Most every living being in the world is thinking about Scott today, but the Yankees are thinking of other things. Miller Huggins never wants to see a ghost materialize again, and he's trying to forget about it by making desperate plans for today's game. He believes that Carl Mays, who hasn't been having any great success with his underhanded delivery this year, might halt the advance of McGraw's men. If Mays doesn't bear out this belief, Huggins is prepared to make a still more desperate play and send Bush into the game with but two days' rest. McGraw, with the two victories chalked, can afford to take chances, and he has nominated Hugh McQuillan for the pitching duty. Ryan, the youngster who relieved Neff and worked so admirably for a short spell in the opening game, is to be kept ready for relief. Snyder probably will be behind.

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CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATION TO MEET

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 7.—The conference committee of the co-operative marketing associations is scheduled to meet here October 23 and 24 to work out a program for the nation's first national convention of the association to be held at Washington in December, according to an announcement made here by Robert W. Bingham, chairman of the committee.

The conference will be called, Mr. Bingham said, at the suggestion of Senator Arthur Capper, one of the leaders of the farm bloc. Senator Capper, according to the chairman, requested the conference for the purpose of guiding the movements of Congress. Among the members of the committee who are to meet here is Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of Raleigh, N. C.

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY FAIR UPHOLDS PAST REPUTATION

Enterprising Gaston County Community Stages Excellent Community Exhibit—Display Of Corn Best Ever Seen In County—Women Had Fine Exhibit Of Fruits And Kitchen Products—D. H. Harmon, President, F. S. Hager, Secretary.

Upholding the reputation they have established in the county, the Sunnyside folks Friday staged one of the best community fairs in the history of the organization. There was both quantity and quality in the exhibits. The corn display was probably the outstanding exhibit of the fair. Residents of that section declared there had never been such a display of corn at a fair at Sunnyside. The exhibit of kitchen and pantry products was also especially fine. One lady, Miss Perrie Kiser, had 130 jars of different canned and preserved products. There were other notable displays of preserved and canned goods from many women of that section.

The Sunnyside schoolhouse, the first brick rural schoolhouse in the county, was converted into an exhibition hall. Two rooms were thrown together for the display of farm and garden products. Another room held the women's exhibits and another room held the corn. Outside the building were the exhibits of livestock and poultry. Both these departments were good but not up to the standard set by the corn display and the women's exhibits.

Officers of the Sunnyside Fair are D. H. Harmon, president, and F. S. Hager, secretary. Other moving spirits in the fair are the Kisers, the Hovis, Roysters, Eakers, Womers, Ramsures, Weirs, Farries, McGills, Moores, Cavigs, Mitchems, Whitesides, Hagers, Wells, Neills, Whites, Masons, Beams, Fords and Philips.

The community fair is an institution with these people. They devote a great deal of time and attention to the fair and the arrangements for it. For several years they have taken first place at the Gaston County Fair, and are really

the pioneers in the community fair work in the county.

The display of canned fruits, preserves, canned vegetables and garden products was simply wonderful. The average city resident has no idea of the variety of stuff that can be put up in glass jars. In one woman's exhibit there Friday were noted canned fruits of every description, cherries, peaches, apples, pears, figs, blackberries, plums, strawberries, grapes, together with jellies and preserves made from all these things. Then there was grape juice and other fruit acids, apple butter, marmalades, sweet potatoes, baby turnips and beets, soup mixtures, corn, beans and tomatoes, chow chow, chili sauce, lye hominy, white as cotton, corn canned both on the ear and shaved, okra, asparagus, peas and beans of a dozen different varieties, peppers, hot and sweet, cucumbers, cabbage and tomato pickle, etc., etc. In fact there was everything one could think of.

The field crops department contained an excellent assortment of products from field and garden, soy beans, peas, corn, cotton, butter beans, wheat, oats, clover and rye, squash, turnips, sweet and Irish potatoes, onions, pumpkins, watermelons, etc., etc.

One of the interesting sidelights of the fair was the keen competition between Mr. J. A. Hager and his young son, Marvin, on an entry of hogs. The son's exhibit beat that of his father at both the Mt. Beulah and Sunnyside fairs and he says he is going to beat him at the county fair.

Mr. C. Kiser, the dairyman, who furnishes the Beemer City schools with milk, and Mr. Hager had excellent displays of fine milk cows.

This community exhibit will be seen at the Gaston County Fair next week.

POULTRY SHOW AT FAIR TO BE UNUSUALLY FINE

Secretary G. G. Willis Has Charge Of The Poultry Again This Year — Many From Out-Of-Town To Be Here For Event.

All indications point to the Poultry Show at the Big Gaston County Fair next week being an unusually fine one, judging by the manner in which entries are being received by Secretary G. G. Willis of the Gaston County Poultry Association, which organization has charge of this feature of the fair again this year.

Out of town poultry exhibitors will be here in force, Charlotte fanciers are making up a great display of white leg-horns and Rhode Island reds. Breeders from York, Greer, Spartanburg, Columbia and Augusta have sent word that they will have fine entries in large numbers.

A shipment of new coops arrived this morning, assuring all exhibitors that their birds will be well cooped.

An unusual and outstanding feature of the Poultry Show will be the showing of a great number of fighting or pit games, something that is practically unknown in poultry shows now.

Indications are that there will be plenty of rabbits and pet stock to attract the children. In fact all information up to date points to a well rounded and complete exhibition of poultry and pet stock.

AGED MINISTER ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF RECLUSE

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Oct. 7.—Rev. Harding M. Hughes, superannuated minister, who has been a trial here for four days on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Anna McKennon, aged recluse, in Mountgonye county last year, probably will know the result of his second hearing on this charge tonight, according to the opinion of those who have listened to the testimony. Arguments in the case will be completed and the case is expected to be in the hands of the jury late today.

The prosecution, relying largely on the testimony of Raymond Cole, young mountaineer, now serving a life sentence for the actual killing of Mrs. McKennon, was dealt a severe blow when Cole refused to testify. The transcript of his evidence in the former trial in which he declared the death of Mrs. McKennon was planned by Hughes, who piled him with liquor and furnished him with the gun with which the woman was shot, was admitted as "secondary" evidence by the court, thus establishing, according to lawyers, a new precedent.

In the presence of judge, jury and the aged defendant, Cole was yesterday taken to a room in the courthouse, stripped and his body examined by the jurors, to determine the truth of his former testimony that Mrs. McKennon twice had shot him. No scars were found.

Mr. Hughes also refused to testify in his own behalf. In the closing arguments the prosecution held that the evidence indicated that Mr. Hughes was anxious to secure the property of Mrs. McKennon, on which he believed he had discovered a silver mine.

THE RUMOR WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY WIRELESS IS NOT CONFIRMED

Names As His Successor His Cousin Abdul Medjid Effendi.

WILL DISCHARGE DUTIES.

Something To Say When The Nationalists Enter Constantinople.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—A report that Sultan Mohammed VI of Turkey abdicated at 10:55 o'clock this morning was received early today by the Russian delegation here in a wireless dispatch from Moscow. There is no confirmation of the report, but Moscow is believed to be in close communication with Constantinople.

The Moscow dispatch, which repeated a message from Ankara, says that upon his abdication the Sultan named as his successor his cousin, Abdul Medjid Effendi, who will be known as Medjid II.

Since the successful campaign of the Turkish nationalist army against the Greeks there have been several reports of the abdication of the sultan. In reply to these reports he declared in a letter to a friend on September 30: "I shall continue to discharge my holy duties until the end. When the nationalists enter Constantinople I shall have something pertinent to say to them."

Nevertheless, press dispatches have continued to intimate his intention of abdicating in favor of his cousin, Abdul Medjid Effendi.

TO OCCUPY THRACE ONLY AFTER TREATY IS SIGNED

PARIS, Oct. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Great Britain and France, as represented by Foreign Secretary Curzon, and Premier Poincare, have agreed in principle that the troops of the Turkish nationalists shall be allowed to occupy Thrace only after the conclusion of a peace treaty.

This general agreement now will be submitted to the French and British cabinets, which are in session, and will be referred to Rome by the Italian representative here.

There is considered to be little doubt, however, that all will accept and that the details will be worked out this afternoon so that the allied generals at Mudania can resume their conference in full agreement with each other as to the terms to be offered the Turks.

The solution agreed upon provides three steps for the return of Thrace to the Turks, as follows:

First, the Greek army and those of the population desiring to leave must evacuate immediately.

Second, a Turkish civil administration will be set up at the same time the allied troops take the place of the Greek forces to preserve order.

Third, the Turkish army will be allowed to cross the straits of the Dardanelles and enter Thrace only upon conclusion of a peace treaty, and it will not be until that time that eastern Thrace is completely restored to Turkey.

The conversation between M. Poincare and Lord Curzon consumed two hours and a half.

"We hope to reach a complete agreement during the day," Lord Curzon said, when leaving the foreign office to inform his government of the developments.

"We went over the situation at Mudania and some other matters and now are referring them to our respective cabinets. We will meet again at 2 o'clock. We are agreed in principle."

The modified program of the allies, it is believed, will give the Kemalists added assurances that three powers intend that eastern Thrace shall be returned to Turkey as soon as adequate measures have been taken to make the transfer without danger to the Christian minority.

OFFICERS CAPTURE BOOTLEGGING OUTFIT

City police officers arrested Pat Chalk, colored, about noon Saturday on a charge of selling liquor. In Pat's home on Walnut avenue a search disclosed a complete outfit for the purpose of preparing the juice for the retail trade. First exhibit was a unique copper tank, cylindrical in form, holding about ten gallons and evidently made to fit nicely under the seat of an automobile. This had evidently been used for hauling the fluid in. For the purpose of sending it out a large case of new bottles was found, and the empty cases of several more that had apparently already been used up. About a gallon and a half of corn spirits and a pint or quart bottle of home-made rye was also found, together with empty containers which indicated that a much larger quantity had been on the premises a short while before. Chalk will be tried in municipal court Monday morning.

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

South Atlantic and east Gulf States: Generally fair; temperature below normal the first part of the week and normal thereafter. Pressure is low and falling over the Caribbean sea, but no disturbance has appeared as yet.

—The good rain that fell last night brought joy to the hearts of all farmers and city residents alike. When asked the news this morning, all the farmers in town had but one answer to make and that was, "We had a good rain last night. It came just in time to save some crops."