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### MOUNT HOLLY MAN, JOHN SKIDMORE, SHOT AND KILLED BY C. KIMBRELL

#### Skidmore Was Foreman On Road Force In Mecklenburg County.

### KIMBRELL HAS RECORD

#### He Is Locked Up And Gives No Reason For His Rash Deed.

CHARLOTTE, Oct. 17.—John Skidmore, a highway foreman connected with the Mecklenburg Highway Commission, was shot and killed about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon near the York bridge over the Catawba River by Charles Kimbrell who runs a small country store at the scene of the tragedy.

Skidmore, whose home was in Mount Holly, was believed, from the position in which the body was found by officers, to have been at the act of getting in his automobile on the opposite side of the road from the store when he was shot.

Deputy Sheriff Vice Fesperman and Modé Hunter, accompanied by Police Detectives Dan Bradley and Mack Reilly went to the scene of the killing, arriving some two hours afterwards. They found the entire neighborhood terrorized and afraid to render any assistance to the slain man even if he had been living for Kimbrell was heavily armed, having a .45 pistol, 38.40 Winchester rifle and a 12 gauge shotgun on the porch with him and was sitting there guarding his victims, according to the officers.

When the officers drove by the store Kimbrell made a dash for his home across the road, after they had passed, evidently to get something. Detective Reilly wheeled the car quickly, while Officers Bradley and Hunter jumped out and caught Kimbrell before he could get back to his weapons on the porch of the store. The building was said by officers to have been barricaded as though the prisoner intended to make a fight rather than submit to arrest.

He was locked in jail last night but refused to make any comment upon the tragedy. The deceased leaves a widow and 11 children, who live in Mt. Holly, according to the father of the dead man, who called at the local police station yesterday afternoon to learn the particulars.

A coroner's inquest will be held at 10 o'clock this morning at the Z. A. Hovis & Sons undertaking parlors, highway engineer, who with Engineer Brown went to the scene of the shooting as soon as news of it was phoned to Sheriff Cochrane by neighbors who feared to go to the fallen man.

It was some time before the sheriff could locate officers to go to the scene, because they were away on other duties and the sheriff could not leave his office unattended at the time. Hence it was fully 5:30 o'clock before the four officers arrived and took the body to the morgue.

Officers were unanimous in their expressed belief that Kimbrell intended to get inside his store and sell his life as dearly as possible.

### \$400,000 CITY BONDS BRINGS GOOD PREMIUM

At a special meeting of the city commissioners held at noon today at the city hall, bids were opened for an issue of \$400,000 in City of Gastonia street improvement bonds. The successful bidders were the Northern Trust Company of Chicago, and Stacey & Braun, of Toledo, Ohio, who offered jointly, a premium of 2.35 per cent on the entire issue on a five per cent basis.

Some of the other bids submitted were as follows: Sidney Spitzer & Company, of Toledo, premium of 2.21 to 2.50 on a five per cent basis; Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, premium of 2.4 to 2.5 on a five per cent basis; Commercial National Bank of High Point, premium of 2.1 to 2.25 on a five per cent basis; Caldwell & Company, of Toledo, premium of 2.7 on a five per cent basis.

The bonds sold today all bear date of August 1, 1922, and have an average maturity of eleven and one-half years. The rates of maturity are \$20,000 each year from 1925 to 1934; \$25,000 each year from 1935 to 1939 and \$10,000 each year in 1940 and 1941. The entire proceeds of this issue is to be used for street improvements.

### Ranking Buck Private of The A. E. F. Has Convention all His Own

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—A solemn, un-brozed youth in olive drab, an overseas cap, set at a care-free angle over one ear, stood in the middle of Royal street last night, while crowds of American Legion visitors, homeward bound from the French fetes in Jackson square, walked, strolled or marched by as their fancy dictated.

It was a care-free night. But the French fete meant nothing to the comrade in the middle of Royal street. He was holding a convention all his own, and announcing it to the passersby who cared to listen. He had evidently had the matter on his mind for a long time, perhaps from the first week in training camp, when he learned to regard his commissioned superiors with natural suspicion and sergeants and corporals as their active agents.

"This is a buck private's convention," said the solemn one. "I ought to know; I was the ranking buck private in the A. E. F. I'll tell you, this convention I'm holding here is the buck private's convention. No officers admitted. Throw 'em out."

He seemed to glare around haphazardly for any one who looked like a major-general—or a second lieutenant. None appeared, and he resumed his address of welcome to himself, and bowed in acknowledgment of the well chosen words.

No knotty problems of soldier honors or rehabilitation vexed the comrade. It was a large moment—one he had been promising himself for a long time—one he had dreamed about in chilly French cowsheds while the good looking nurse he'd liked was dancing with colonels and captains.

The time had come when he could safely tell all corporals, top sergeants, military police officials, regimental and corps commanders whose title he held in. And he did. None said him nay. "We will conclude," said the buck private, "with the singing of a little ditty, you may all join me, if there'll be no generals there; 'There'll be no generals there; There'll be no generals there; In heaven above, where all is love, There'll be no generals there.' "second verse: "There'll be no colonels there." With military exactitude he went on down the line to corporals. Then he called it a day.

### Harrison Ordered to Leave Fayetteville In 10 Days or Pay Penalty With His Life

FAYETTEVILLE, Oct. 16.—J. R. Harrison, well known man of this city, who has been active in opposition to the Ku Klux Klan, has received through the mail a letter signed Ku Klux Klan threatening him with death if he does not leave Fayetteville within 10 days, according to a letter published by Harrison this afternoon.

The letter, according to the copy made public by Mr. Harrison, reads as follows: "J. R. Harrison, Fayetteville, N. C. Sir: The animosity you have shown and your continual abuse of our organization has become unbearable to us, and it is with the unanimous consent of every member of our order that you are given this positively final warning. Get out of this town in 10 days. Now don't let your nerve get you killed for if you are not out of this town by Monday, October 23, may God have mercy on your soul. (Signed) "None Ku Klux Klan, Fayetteville, N. C."

Mr. Harrison did not say whether he intends to take any legal action against the Klan as a result of the threat. Those who know him have no idea that he will obey the order. "They have the advantage," he said, "I am out in the open. They all know me. They are in the dark. That's all I have to say."

Harrison became embroiled with the Klan last April when he beat up C. E. Stevenson, organizer of the "invisible empire" and defied Stevenson to shoot when the latter pulled a pistol. Two weeks ago, he published an open letter begging the klansmen to come and take him out that night. The request was not complied with. Harrison is a member of the city board of aldermen and a well known business man.

BIG DIRIGIBLE, C-2, IS BURNED AT SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 17.—The army dirigible C-2, which recently completed a trans-continental flight and had reached San Antonio on its way back to Washington, was burned early this morning, while being taken from its hangar at Brooks field preparatory to a flight over the city. Several of the crew were hurt, one seriously.

### Kits To Be Carried But They Are Light

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Democratic spellbinders will go about New York state the next three weeks with an oil cloth kit under their arms. The kit contains knives, scissors, spools of thread and the like.

Technically, it is known as the "tariff kit." By displaying the various articles to the audience, and telling just how the new tariff affects them, the speakers hope to bring home to the voters in a practical way the Democratic arguments against the tariff.

Most of the speakers who will campaign for congressional nominees will carry a kit.

### SAMUEL GOMPERS TALKS TO THE LEGION

CONVENTION HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—San Francisco was awarded the 1923 convention of the American Legion by acclamation. The committee on time and place for the convention reported that delegates from thirty states signed the report. A delegate from New Jersey moved that the report be approved and a delegate from Oregon seconded it.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American Legion, in national convention here, today heard Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, tell of labor's aims and aspirations, and what it believes its rights and duties are.

Mr. Gompers and Kenau Mountain Landis, supreme commissioner of baseball, received a noisy welcome from the "buddies" when they entered the convention hall. The session was slow in getting under way, after a night of strenuous play with outdoor dancing, on terrace and sidewalk under the palm trees of Jackson Square, New Orleans' historic "Place d'Armes," scene of the assembling of Old Hickory's army of frontiersmen and gulf pirates to make war on the British veterans of Napoleonic wars in 1815.

Numerous delegations marched to the hall over the ancient cobblestone streets. Mist hung over the river, and the gray hanks of destroyers of the navy flotilla loomed big through the rising vapors.

Saddest of all persons connected with the convention was the individual who had bought the tobacco concession at the convention hall, only to find at the last minute that smoking was barred by the convention committee and the state fire marshal on account of the fire hazard.

Policies were hammered into shape through a night of committee sessions and it is expected that tomorrow reports of many of these committees will be laid before the convention. The all important resolutions committee will bring in a number of expected resolutions, and is prepared to table a number of other topics. Among these, it is learned, is the beer and light wine issue and any reference to the Ku Klux Klan. Friends of beer and light wine vigorously assert that an open fight will be made before the convention to get an expression on this issue.

### TURK CHIEF. GENERAL PERSHING IS GUEST OF STATE FAIR



A new picture of Mustafa Kemal Pascha, Turkish Nationalist leader, who has just concluded a truce with the allies at Mudania.

### Biggest Fair in History of State Is Formally Opened By Governor Morrison — Pershing Leaves For New Orleans Tonight.

RALPH, N. C., Oct. 17.—With General John J. Pershing chief of staff and general of the armies, the central figures, the first North Carolina state fair opened here today with fifty per cent exhibits more than at any previous event.

Judging of exhibits began at the fair grounds at 9 o'clock, but general interest in the morning centered in the parade which was led by General Pershing and reviewed by him. At noon, the fair was formally opened, in accordance with immemorial custom by the governor of North Carolina, which was introduced by Mrs. Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina Agricultural Society. Governor Morrison was followed by General Pershing in the address of the day.

General Pershing arrived early this morning and was met at the station by a committee of citizens, headed by Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy, chairman of the general reception committee.

The general was then escorted to the Executive Mansion where he was entertained at breakfast by Governor Cameron Morrison. Following the breakfast at the mansion, General Pershing, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Governor Morrison, Mr. Daniels and other members of their party took their places at the head of the parade which moved to the fair grounds from the foot of Fayetteville street at 11 o'clock. Before reaching the fair grounds General Pershing and his party dropped out of the line of march and reviewed the procession.

Today was "Military Day" at the fair and the parade included the band of the Fifth Field Artillery, U. S. A., of Fort Bragg and one battery of the regiment; the band of the 120th North Carolina Infantry and a provisional battalion consisting of seven units of the national guard from Raleigh, Durham, Burlington, Goldsboro, Youngsville, Lenoir and Henderson; the band of the North Carolina State College and the cadet battalion; a reserve of officers section and a section of American Legion posts.

Other notables in the parade beside General Pershing were General Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief, United Confederate Veterans and former president of the state fair and General A. J. Bowley, commanding officer of Fort Bragg, the council of state and Justices of the North Carolina supreme court. Generals Pershing and Bowley, Governor Morrison and Adjutant General Van B. Metts, were all accompanied by their staffs.

At 2:30 General Pershing was entertained at a luncheon given by Mrs. Vanderbilt and at 3:45 he will leave for the national convention of the American Legion at New Orleans.

MRS. HALL AND WILLIE STEVENS TO BE FURTHER QUESTIONED

NEW BRENSWICK, N. J., Oct. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Mrs. Francis Stevens Hall and her eccentric brother, Willie Stevens, were brought to the courthouse by Detective Fred David shortly after 11 o'clock today for further examination by authorities investigating the murder of the Reverend Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills.

### COTTON MARKET CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Cotton futures closed strong. October 22.72; December 23.03; January 22.93; March 23.00; May 22.98; July 22.70; Spots 23.00, fifty points up.

### WET AND DRY FORCES FACE EACH OTHER IN FIRST TILT BETWEEN PROHIBITION AGENCIES AND BIG STEAMSHIP LINES

### Discuss Plans to Release From Custody British Ships Seized Outside the Three Mile Limit

#### British Government Has Refused To Enter Into Agreement Which Would Permit Of Reciprocal Authority To Make Seizures—British Ships With Liquor Are Taken.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Negotiations between the British embassy and the State Department looking to the release from custody of vessels of British registry seized by prohibition forces outside the three mile limit were expected to take more definite form as a result of the definite refusal of the British government to enter into an agreement which would permit of reciprocal authority to make such seizures.

A suggestion from the United States that an agreement whereby the two governments could exercise special supervision over American and British shipping in coastal waters, outside the internationally accepted limit of jurisdiction, would be of material assistance to American authorities in enforcement of customs and liquor statutes was approved by the British government in a note made public last night, on the ground that an undesirable precedent would be established.

It was understood Great Britain had indicated her willingness to adhere to the doctrine laid down by the United States Supreme Court that the seeling-off of small boats into the "jurisdiction area" served to bring the parent ship to all intents under the same jurisdiction. In other cases, however, the British view was declared to be emphatic that American enforcement agencies were without authority.

In support of the contention that such ships as the Buena and the Gardner, American "dry navy" at points from seven to nine miles off the New Jersey coast, the British government was understood to have relied heavily on the decision obtained by the United States from British courts in 1805 in the case of the schooner Anna.

The Anna, flying American colors, was captured by the British privateer Minerva, near the mouth of the Mississippi river, and her cargo of logwood was confiscated and sold. An interesting feature of the case was that—

### REHABILITATION IS THE BIG QUESTION

#### American Legion in Convention At New Orleans Puts Most Thought On Care Of Wounded Comrades.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17.—With the declaration of Hanford MacNider, national commander, that the American Legion regarded the interests of the disabled servicemen as its first responsibility still ringing in their ears, world veterans began the second day's session of their convention here with indications that the rehabilitation question again would be the chief topic under discussion.

In this connection, the legionnaires were considering the bulletin issued to all post commanders by Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant, advising them that millions of dollars collected during the war for the benefit of soldiers and sailors rightfully belonged to the American Legion.

After citing court cases and decisions and asserting that the legion was the organization in its class to legally disburse the funds, the national adjutant advised the commanders to take proper steps to secure all war chest collections.

The reply of Colonel C. B. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, to the legion rehabilitation commission's attack on the government's record of performance in dealing with veterans, also was receiving attention of the former soldiers.

### BIG ARRAY COUNSEL PRESENT TO FIGHT MR. DAUGHERTY'S RULING

#### Millions Of Dollars In Property, Trade Rights And Good Will At Stake.

### BITTER FIGHT AHEAD.

Test Cases Will Finally Be Brought Before U. S. Supreme Court.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Wet and dry forces face each other today before Federal Judge Hand in the first pitched battle between federal prohibition enforcement authorities and foreign and American steamship lines over the validity of Attorney General's liquor ruling. The calendar of Judge Hand's court was cleared for the hearings of temporary injunctions returnable today, restraining the enforcement authorities from putting into effect the ruling forbidding American and foreign ships, leaving port after October 21, from carrying liquor under seal into or out of American ports.

A distinguished array of counsel was present, representing the American prohibition authorities, the treasury department, and the Cunard, Anchor, White Star, French, Holland-American, American, Red Star and United American Lines, and the International Navigation Company.

The government forces were prepared to present arguments to show cause why they should not be permanently enjoined from putting into effect the provisions of the Daugherty ruling. Attorneys for the steamship companies were prepared for a bitter fight. It was stated by representatives of both factions that no matter what the result of the hearings, the test cases would be brought before the United States Supreme Court.

All of the American lines of the American Steamship Owners' Association and foreign lines, such as the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, the Lamport and Holt, the North German Lloyd and others in the trans-Atlantic and South American trade, will await the result of today's hearings, before taking action.

Action by the enforcement agents against either foreign or domestic ships is at a standstill, according to H. C. Stuart, acting collector of the port, who said he had been instructed by the treasury department to mark time. Meanwhile crews of the French vessels in port here had their usual rations of wine today, foreign vessels sailed with liquor on board, either to sell it outside the three-mile limit or to keep it sealed to dispose of in foreign ports; American vessels, unfavorably by the extension of time until October 21, sailed under the "bone dry" regime.

Millions of dollars in property, trade rights and good will, are said to be at stake, while counsel for foreign lines have claimed that infringement of treaties between American and foreign countries and violation of foreign laws, are points involved.

The fight against the Daugherty ruling was begun early last week by the Cunard and Anchor lines which were joined by the American lines of the International Mercantile Marine, thus furnishing the test cases for American and foreign ships. The main contention of the steamship companies will be that the Daugherty ruling is unconstitutional.

### GEORGIANS VOTING FOR A SENATOR TODAY

#### Each Of The Four Candidates Claims To Have Following Of 50,000 Watson Supporters — Campaign Is Watched With Interest.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Under cloudy skies and with rain falling in several sections of the state, Georgia voters were casting their ballots today in a special democratic primary to nominate a successor to the late United States Senator Thomas E. Watson.

Each of the four candidates—Governor Thomas W. Hardwick, Scobey Wright, J. R. Cooper, and Walter F. George—made last minute claims of the support of the "loyal fifty thousand" followers of Watson, and expressed confidence in being nominated.

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