

TWO LIVES LOST IN EARLY MORNING FIRE IN BESSEMER BOARDING HOUSE

JOHN HOUGH AND SON DEAD; MRS. HOUGH HURT SERIOUSLY IN JUMP

Gambrell Mills Office and Warehouse Also Destroyed.

LOSS ABOUT \$25,000.

One Other Person Missing May Have Perished In Flames.

BESSEMER CITY, Dec. 27.—Two persons are known to have perished and one other who is missing may have died in an early morning fire which destroyed the Underwood boarding house here.

The biggest fire Bessemer City has ever suffered was at an early hour this morning (Wednesday) when the cement block building used for the office at the Gambrell mills, the Gambrell Mill Warehouse full of cotton, a dwelling and a boarding house, were burned.

About 3:30 o'clock the whistles of the Gambrell and Osgae Manufacturing Company's gave the alarm. Help responded but with no visible effects until the buildings were burned. Other buildings and dwellings were saved, also the Gambrell mill by good work of the people.

The family of J. D. Hough occupied several rooms on the second floor and at the end of the building where the fire started the father and mother were awakened and carried their small children to safety, the mother jumped from a window and was seriously injured.

The father returned for his fifteen-year-old stepson who had not awakened and at this point the roof fell in burning them both. Their charred bodies were afterwards recovered. Mrs. Hough was carried to a neighbor's house and is in no precocious condition that she has never been advised of the sad fate of her son and husband.

The dwelling was occupied by Mr. John Short, who was able to get most of his household effects out. The warehouse was full of cotton and on the side track nearby were several cars of cotton, which was saved by being loosened and run on down the track.

This place has a fire wagon and apparatus but for some reason could not get to the scene early enough to give much valuable assistance. But the forces at the mill gave heroic help, which saved a number of dwellings and store buildings. Fortunately the wind was not blowing, which would have caused more serious loss.

The Gambrell mill was in danger as the ware house was separated from it by only a short space. The buildings were covered by insurance but the amount has not been made public. It is not thought that the fire was of incendiary origin as the building that was first burned was an old plank one and was probably started by rats and matches.

Oldest Cat In U. S. Dead At Age Of 24

BILLINGS, MONTA., Dec. 27.—Thomas Patriarch, the oldest cat in the United States, was dead here today, aged 24 years, and three months, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sample.

DEATH OF FRED ALLISON REMAINS A MYSTERY

Coroner's Jury Finds That He Came To Death At Hands Of Person In Car With Him—Craig and Owens Are Freed.

LINCOLNTON, Dec. 26.—Ourlaw "hootch" claimed another victim Sunday night when Fred Allison, of Charlotte, was killed near Leatherman's store in the extreme western end of Lincoln county, while he and two companions, at present unknown, were endeavoring to escape with a carload of corn whiskey from prohibition officers.

The story was told by eye-witnesses of the tragedy, at the coroner's inquest over the dead body of the victim. The jury was as follows: S. R. Wardick, special coroner for Lincoln county; D. C. Williams, G. C. Beam, M. H. Hoyle, R. E. Camp, S. Alexander, Sr., E. C. Baker. The verdict of the jury is as follows:

"That deceased came to his death from a pistol wound inflicted in his head by one of his companions riding in the car with him, which companion is unknown. The evidence shows that he made their escape without their identity being known, and the evidence failed to disclose their identity, and the whereabouts of said companion or companions is unknown."

Jimmie Craig and Ed Owens, reported to have been in the automobile with Fred Allison when the latter was shot Sunday night in Catawba county were arrested early Tuesday morning by the local authorities but released later in the day when it was learned from Lincoln that there was no evidence on which to hold them, the release being upon instructions from Sheriff Abernethy.

Both men are reported to have denied being in the party. Sheriff Abernethy was asked by The Charlotte Observer why he ordered the release of Craig and Owens, who were held here by Charlotte police as possibly implicated in the affair. He stated that the only evidence he had to connect them with the affair were the dying statements of Allison, to the effect that "Jim Craig shot me," and that the two men were with him in the car, and after making this statement, Sheriff Abernethy explained, Allison said that a negro had hit him with a blackjack.

Craig and Owens were not held by the Charlotte police on the request of Sheriff Abernethy of Lincoln, but were taken into custody on the initiative of the local officers, after a telephone conversation with the Lincoln authorities.

Rumors in Charlotte yesterday of the story of the shooting stated that Allison's car was following two other cars, said to be Cadillacs and it was alleged that all three were loaded with whiskey. The two cars in front passed the Leatherman store, in Lincoln county, and when Allison's car was halted by the deputies the firing began. When Allison was shot his car, it is said, ran down into a ditch on the side of the road, and two men with him, who are at present unknown, left him and ran across a field in the darkness. They are rumored to have scoured convenience to Gastonia and to have come to Charlotte over the Piedmont and Northern railway.

Allison also is reported to have had a considerable amount of money on his person at the time he was shot. Some reports have placed the amount at near a thousand dollars.

MME. BARNHARDT'S CONDITION TAKES TURN FOR WORSE

Four French Physicians Issue Orders That No One Shall Be Allowed To Enter The House.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Madame Sarah Barnhardt's condition took another turn for the worse today. Physicians ascribed it to the fatigue following her activity yesterday when she arose from her bed, partook of solid food, and received many callers.

Her household is again depressed, although Madame herself is just as confident as ever that she will recover. Two more doctors were called in this morning besides Professors Obissier and Marot, and after a long consultation they issued the following instructions to members of the household:

"The undersigned physicians insist upon the absolute necessity of letting no one enter the sick room. (Signed) Labbe, Desnos, Obissier, Marot." These orders are clear, said Madame Normand, governess of the household, after roughly scolding the butler for permitting the correspondent to enter the house, "but Madame insists upon seeing whomever she pleases."

The elderly nurse who is attending the actress, said: "Madame is a very head-strong patient." The physicians have ordered that the door be disconnected and that the telephone receiver be left off the hook. All calls must originate within the house, as the constantly ringing bell might annoy the patient. The doctors do not conceal their admiration for Madame Barnhardt's courage, declaring that she is "the most wonderful woman."

SHOT HIM DOWN AFTER HE HAD HELD 'EM UP.

FRED ALLISON HAD \$1,000 ON HIS PERSON.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 27.—Fred Allison who was killed in an exchange of shots between deputy sheriffs in Lincoln county and alleged liquor runners, had \$1,010 with him when he left Charlotte Sunday afternoon, according to a statement made here today by his brother, Lawrence Allison.

Young Allison was shot Sunday night and died the next day and the brother declared when the body was searched only \$9 was found. He declared that had Fred Allison paid for the 50 gallons of liquor found in the automobile that day should not have cost more than \$300 at wholesale.

The coroner's jury decided that Allison was killed by a shot fired by one of the two unidentified men who escaped from the car after the firing started. Jimmy Craig and Ed Owens, taken in custody here yesterday on request of Lincoln county authorities, were later released when the local police were notified there was nothing to warrant holding them.

DR. B. M. MCKOIN IS ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 27.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., who was arrested here yesterday at the request of Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana, and held for murder in connection with the recent murder and kidnaping cases at Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, will be arraigned in police court today. Advised from the governor's office at Baton Rouge last night stated a requisition on the governor of Maryland for the return of Dr. McKoin, to Louisiana, would be issued immediately. Dr. McKoin has retained George W. Cameron as his attorney, and announced he will fight any attempt to extradite him.

Contrary to reports that Dr. McKoin was taking a post-graduate course at Johns Hopkins University-Brady Institute, University officials declared that McKoin has no official connection with the institution and that he was a guest of Dr. Hugh H. Young, head of the Brady Institute. Dr. Winford H. Smith, superintendent of the hospital, said: "His work was in connection with the private patients of Dr. Young, and was carried on in Dr. Young's private office at the Institute."

Dr. McKoin yesterday denied knowledge of the murder of D. T. Richards and Watt Daniels, whose mutilated bodies were found in Lake LaFourche. He said, however, that the men were on the "bad side"—the side of bootleggers, gunmen and others of bad repute. He also stated yesterday that although he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan, he praised their methods in helping rid Mer Rouge of its lawlessness.

Custer's Trumpeter To Be Buried Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John Martin, who claimed to be the last survivor of the Custer massacre on the Little Big Horn, will be buried tomorrow in Cypress Hills cemetery. He died in a Brooklyn hospital Sunday at the age of 69.

Mr. Martin was a trumpeter and dispatch bearer for General Custer and was one of the little handful of men who escaped when Rain-In-The-Face and Sitting Bull sent their braver against Custer's men. Mr. Martin enlisted in the Seventh cavalry in 1874, serving through much of the Indian fighting and through the Spanish war. He is survived by his widow and eight children.

SUPREME COURT GRANTS BUSH A NEW TRIAL

Former Gastonian Convicted In Caldwell County Of Killing Will Have New Trial On Basis Of Error.

Among the decisions handed down by the Supreme Court of North Carolina last week was one granting a new trial to John A. Bush, former Gastonian who was convicted at the August term of Caldwell Superior Court for the killing of Will Cline. The killing occurred about four miles from Lenoir only a few days before the trial, and followed a dispute over the boundary line between Cline's and Bush's land. Cline died in a hospital in Hickory the following day. At the trial, which was held before Judge J. Bis Izay, Bush's attorneys entered a plea of not guilty and endeavored to show that their client shot in self-defense. Hon. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, was leading counsel for the defense, and will probably also represent Bush at the new trial, which will be docketed for the next term of Caldwell Superior Court.

ARREST FOUR PERSONS SUSPECTED OF ROBBERY

Two Men And Two Women Suspected Of Robbing Kansas City Bank Of \$97,000 Are Held In New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Four persons—two men two women—are being held by the police here today in connection with the holdup and robbery of five messengers of the Drovers National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., on December 12, in which the highway men are reported to have obtained \$97,000.

The men gave their names to the police as George Wilson and Jim Covarty, and said the two women were their wives.

The arrest was made last night at a hotel where they were said to have been registered several days. A hand bag containing \$8,300 believed by the police to be part of the loot of the holdup, was found in a room occupied by one of the couples. Some of the packages of money, the police stated, were sealed and bore stamps of the Federal reserve bank of Kansas City. A large amount of loose notes was bundled up in a page of a Kansas City newspaper.

When the prisoners were taken to police headquarters they had little to say. Covarty declared he was tending bar in a Kansas City saloon at the time of the robbery and came to New Orleans on December 15 to play the races. The trail of the quartet was said to have been picked up through the shipment of a truck to New Orleans by one of the women.

According to the police several hundred dollars are said to have been spent each night in cabarets by the suspects and they are said to have plunged heavily on the races. One of them purchased an expensive automobile, it was said, paying cash for it.

LODGE LEADS FIGHT AGAINST BORAH PROPOSAL

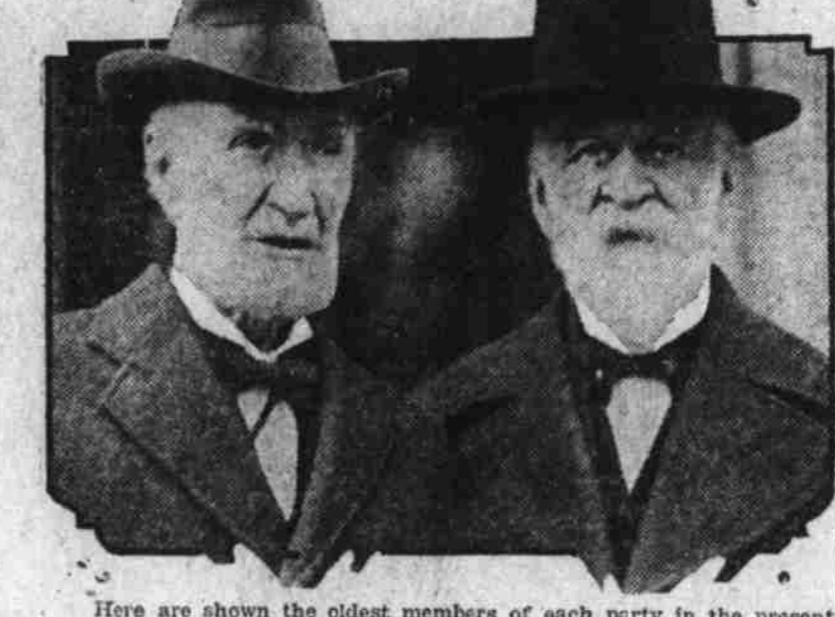
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Administration Senators, under the lead of Chairman Lodge of the Foreign Relations Committee, began in the Senate today a determined fight against the proposal of Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, for a new international conference in Washington to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

Senator Lodge, who was said by his colleagues to have ascertained the views of President Harding and his administration advisers, opened his attack as soon as the Senate began work on the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the annual Naval Bill requesting the President to call an economic and armaments conference.

OPENS UP WHOLE FIELD OF EUROPEAN RELATIONS WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The whole field of American relationships to Europe, particularly as they involve the problems of economic rehabilitation, and disarmament, was opened up to debate in the Senate again today, when work was resumed on the naval appropriation bill after the Christmas recess.

The immediate vehicle which brought the troubles of the European powers once more to the front on the Senate floor was an amendment to the naval bill, introduced by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, and requesting President Harding to call an international conference in Washington to consider methods of restoring "sound business and financial conditions" and to seek an agreement for further limitation of naval construction.

Oldest Lawmakers Visit President



Here are shown the oldest members of each party in the present Congress visiting President Harding. They are, left to right, famed "Joe" Cannon, the oldest Republican, and his less well-known friend, Congressman Charles M. Stedman of N. Carolina, the oldest Democrat.

Were Shipping Whiskey In Newspaper Tubes

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Increased international circulation of Mexican and Canadian papers brought about the discovery that bootleggers have been shipping brandy and whiskey in ten ounce tubes wrapped in the papers, Federal officers said here today.

Twelve regular subscribers were arrested yesterday by Fred Gardner, in charge of the treasury special agents' office. Search for the subscription solicitors was to be made today.

COURSE IN POULTRY HUSBANDRY AT N. C. STATE

RALEIGH, Dec. 25.—The North Carolina State college will conduct a course in poultry husbandry January 8 to 19 inclusive, to run concurrently with the short winter studies in practical agriculture to be given for farmers who are unable to take advantage of long terms, according to an announcement by officials tonight.

There will be no charge for tuition, said Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department, the only cost to those attending being board and lodging.

"Although this is the first attempt on the part of the college to give a special short course in poultry raising, it is splendidly equipped for work of this nature," Dr. Kaupp continued, "and elaborate preparations have been made to give those attending a course of instruction eminently worth while."

"For several years, the college has been trap-vesting and studying the physical characteristics of many breeds, and short course farmers will have an opportunity to handle these birds. It should be possible at the close of the term for those taking the course to readily distinguish between a high producing hen and one whose egg producing qualities are either medium or low. More than this, the student should be able to single out the males likely to transmit high production to their daughters."

"A properly conducted poultry department should be a part of every farm in the state. This course will not only teach farmers how to make poultry pay, but it will be helpful to those who contemplate entering the business on a much larger scale."

"Every part of the poultry work on farms will be thoroughly studied. This will embrace such subjects as poultry houses, their construction and equipment; principles of feeding, including the rationing best suited for laying hens; breeding birds, growing range stock, and broiler chicks."

"A study of incubators and brooders will be made. Short course farmers will also receive instruction in the grading and packing of market and hatching eggs."

"Co-operative marketing of poultry products will be discussed. Selection and breeding of standard bred birds will be covered and control measures for parasites will receive careful attention," he said.

EXPECT NORTH CAROLINA TO COMPLETE ITS QUOTA

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—North Carolina is expected to complete its quota subscribed to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation today, according to an announcement by Mrs. Josephus Daniels.

Three thousand dollars is the amount which must be sent in if the quota is to be completed, it was stated. Mrs. Daniels said she had received a telegram from General Julius S. Carr, commander of the confederate veterans, advising her to report Durham county's quota "paid" and to send him the amount assessed for payment.

INJURED WHEN SWINGING DOOR SIDESWIPES TRAIN SALISBURY, N. C., Dec. 27.—Five persons were slightly injured this morning when a swinging door on a freight car sideswiped a passenger coach of Southern train No. 137 running between Washington and Atlanta, near Thomasville, N. C. Those injured were treated by local doctors, and immediately resumed their journey.

STATE LOCATES PLACE WHERE THE DYNAMITE TO BLOW UP LAKE WAS FOUND

Men Suspected Of Being Implicated Are Kept Under Surveillance.

HISTORY OF THE TOWN. Got Name From Old Spanish Nobleman Baron de Bastrop.

BASTROP, LA., Dec. 27.—There was an air of expectancy here and around Mer Rouge early today as Department of Justice agents and representatives of the state government renewed their activities in the investigation in the Morehouse kidnaping case and widened their efforts to run down the persons responsible for the dynamiting of a nearby lake which gave up the bodies of two men identified as Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, abducted by a masked mob last August. It was declared that additional arrests were imminent.

Secret service men are reported to have located the place where the dynamite, said to have been 1,500 pounds, was sold, and some of the men suspected of being implicated in the dynamiting are under surveillance. The investigators indicated that arrests may occur soon.

The arrest in Baltimore yesterday of Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, at the request of Governor John M. Parker, caused considerable excitement among the town's population. Little groups of citizens gathered in public places and on the streets to discuss the case and the probable next move of the authorities.

Morehouse parish and the town of Bastrop which are in the limelight at this time because of the kidnaping and killing of Daniels and Richards have an interesting story.

According to a booklet published a few years ago by a resident of Mer Rouge the town and parish got their names from a Keutekian and a Spanish nobleman.

In 1806, when Spain owned what is now the state of Louisiana, a Spaniard, Baron de Bastrop, was said to have obtained from the Spanish government a contract to the effect that when he had induced 500 families to settle in the country lying north and east of the Ouachita river he would acquire the ownership of twelve leagues of land, or about 1,000,000 acres, for his services.

To help in the fulfillment of this contract, Baron de Bastrop is credited with having enlisted the services of Abraham Morehouse, a citizen of Keutucky. In turn Mr. Morehouse is said to have arranged with Captain Josiah Davenport, a native of Rhode Island, to assist him in the colonization work.

Settlers were brought from other sections of the United States, who developed the country. The parish was created by an act of the Legislature in 1844 and shortly thereafter the parish seat was established at two cross roads.

It was decided to name the parish "Morehouse" in honor of Abraham Morehouse, while the parish seat was named "Bastrop" in honor of Baron de Bastrop.

A statement signed by J. A. Sylvester, of Bastrop, has been issued to the press, in which doubt is expressed as to the identity of the bodies found in Lake LaFourche, and claimed by relatives as those of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, alleged victims of a hooded mob.

Sylvester, in the past has been credited with many public announcements regarding the activities of the local Klan and is looked upon by many as one of the spokesmen of the local secret order.

"Although it is rumored that the bodies of Daniels and Richards have been found, there is no positive evidence that this is true. Two objects were reported to have been floating near the banks of Lake LaFourche and it was presumed that these bodies were those of the missing men," the statement said.

In regard to efforts to clear up the affair, the statement added: "Captain J. K. Skilworth has tendered to the attorney general the assistance and co-operation of 500 Klansmen to be used in any capacity deemed necessary and assured him that it was the wish of the entire citizenship of Morehouse Klan that no stone be left unturned in ferretting out and bringing to justice the guilty parties connected in the case of the alleged kidnaping of Daniels and Richards."

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FOR DR. MCKOIN BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—A writ of habeas corpus for Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, arrested here yesterday on a charge of murder, was obtained this morning.

The writ, which was issued by Chief Judge James P. Carter in the city court, was made returnable immediately.

Extradition papers will be forwarded from Louisiana to Baltimore for Dr. McKoin, a telegram from Governor Parker stated today.

THE WEATHER

Rain tonight and probably Thursday morning; colder in extreme southwest tonight; colder Thursday.