

THE MOREHOUSE AFFAIR PROMISES TO BE MOST SENSATIONAL EXPOSED

Another Day Of Marking Time Awaiting Return Of Investigators. CASE TO GRAND JURY. Deputies On Way To Baltimore To Bring Back Dr. McKoin.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 30.—Another day of marking time while awaiting the return of Federal and state investigators who have been in New Orleans and Baton Rouge conferring with Governor Parker and other state officials, today served only to increase the air of expectancy in the Morehouse parish.

Civil and military officials would not predict today what further arrests would be made in addition to the detention here of J. T. Burnett, former deputy sheriff, and employee of a local carbon plant, and of Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, in Baltimore, in advance of the opening hearing to be conducted here next week by Attorney General Cocco before Judge Fred L. Odum, of the sixth judicial district.

State troops, on duty here and at Mer Rouge now are temporarily under the command of Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Young, of Monroe, who has received Colonel Louis F. Guerre, granted leave of absence over the week-end, Colonel Gurte left for New Orleans yesterday but still return next week to resume command.

State officials were busily engaged today into the whipping into shape the mass of evidence to be presented at the opening hearing, one week from today. "The state will lay its cards upon the table when the hearing begins," said one of the attorneys, who will take an active part in the handling of the state's case.

BALTIMORE KLAN IS INTERESTED IN MCKOIN. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—The local Ku Klux Klan has become actively interested in the case of Dr. McKoin. Albert Eeke, general counsel of the organization in this city said today that investigation is under way to determine definitely whether the accused physician is a member of the Klan.

DR. H. N. SNYDER TO BE SPEAKER AT MEETING. President Of Wofford College To Be With Chamber Of Commerce At Annual Meeting Friday Night—Election Of Officers To Take Place.

Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford College at Spartanburg, will be the speaker at the annual membership meeting of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce Friday night in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium.

Arrangement of the program will be in charge of a committee composed of P. H. Thompson, Miles J. Radford and Chas. Ford. Some good musical numbers will be a feature. The membership will be asked at this meeting to pass as a body upon the question of whether or not a community chest should be inaugurated in Gastonia, entering all drives for funds in one big drive every year.

COTTON MARKET. Today's price 26 1-2 cents. Receipts today 10 bales.

Irvin S. Cobb Holds Old Job For Night

PADUCAH, KY., Dec. 30.—Irvin S. Cobb held down the job of managing editor last night of the News-Democrat, the paper he left in 1904 to go to The New York Sun. From his old desk, a fixture in the News-Democrat office, he superintended preparation of copy and, among other things, wrote a signed story.

ALLEN CONFERS WITH THE APPLETON MILL INTERESTS

No Definite Location Has Been Selected—Odds Favor Territory Along C. C. & O. Railroad—Big Concern.

For the purpose of better presenting Gaston county's claims and of securing a definite idea as to what will appeal to the Appleton Mill interests of Massachusetts, Fred M. Allen, executive secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, was in Forest City, Friday.

No definite location has yet been selected. Odds favor territory along the C. C. & O. Railroad—Big Concern. The plant will not only consist of a huge spinning mill as already announced but will also include a bleachery and an immense outing apparel weaving plant.

LOUISIANA KLAN TO SEND AGENTS TO PROBE

State Organization In Louisiana Thinks Ku Klux Klan Had Nothing To Do With Mer Rouge Outrage. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—The Klan will send its own agents into Louisiana organization of the Ku Klux Morehouse parish to investigate the kidnapping and killing of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards last August, according to an announcement today by a high state official of the Klan.

It was stated that the investigation probably will be started within the next 48 hours. "I recently returned from Morehouse parish where I discussed the outrage with many folks who know their community well. I know that the Klan is not to blame," said the Klan official.

FEDERAL WARRANTS TO BE SERVED ON BAXTER. CHARLOTTE, Dec. 30.—M. C. Coit, deputy United States marshal, said today he would go to Lincolnton during the day to serve three warrants charging violation of federal liquor laws against Deputy Sheriff Baxter, who was in a party of deputies whose gun fight with alleged liquor runners ended fatally for Fred Allison, one of the men charged with hauling liquor.

Baxter, according to a recent statement by Solicitor R. L. Huffman of superior court, already is under state indictments charging violation of the liquor laws and other offenses. Presentation of the federal charges against Baxter was made in federal court at Asheville a few days ago, it was said here.

There was no New York cotton market Saturday on account of the holiday. There will be no market Monday, since being the first day of the new year.

Let's Start With a Clean Slate



ALLISON GOES TO MEET SOLICITOR HUFFMAN IN PROBE OF SHOOTING

Brother of Fred Allison Goes To Morganton Today To See Huffman. LINCOLNTON, Dec. 29.—Sheriff Abernethy, of Lincoln county, today expected word from Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of the Sixth Judicial District, relative to the shooting of Fred Allison, young Charlotte automobile mechanic, during a pistol duel between Allison and his companions in an automobile and Deputy Sheriff Baxter and Miller.

BAXTER MAY BE JAILED. Huffman To Reach Decision After Conferences With Allison and Lincoln Citizens.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 30.—L. J. Allison, of Charlotte, brother of Fred Allison, who was killed Sunday night in an exchange of bullets between deputy sheriffs of Lincoln highway and alleged rum running companions of young Allison when the automobile he was driving was halted about 18 miles northwest of Lincolnton by the deputies, will go to Morganton this morning for a conference with Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of the sixteenth judicial district, as to measures to be taken to determine the exact persons who caused Fred Allison's death.

The decision reached by the brother of the deceased to confer with solicitor Huffman came after the solicitor had requested the Observer in a telegram to get him in touch with Mr. Allison, and after Mr. Allison had talked with the solicitor over the telephone yesterday afternoon. At the time that Solicitor Huffman was trying to get in touch with Mr. Allison, the latter was making an effort to reach the solicitor over the telephone.

Solicitor Huffman stated to the Observer last night over the telephone that he would confer this morning with Mr. Allison and several citizens of Lincoln county, and would reach a decision after that conference as to whether steps would be taken to cause the immediate arrest of Deputy Sheriff W. B. Baxter, one of the deputies who were engaged in the gun battle with Allison's alleged companions. Mr. Huffman stated that Baxter already was under indictment for violation of the prohibition laws and for statutory offenses, the cases having been continued from the last term of the Lincoln county superior court at the solicitor's request.

Solicitor Huffman stated that he would come to Charlotte Monday to confer with officers of the law here, and with others, as to evidence to be prepared in the investigation he is conducting of the shooting affair last Sunday night. He stated emphatically that he is prepared to push the investigation vigorously to determine who shot young Allison.

No report from Sheriff Abernethy, of Lincoln county, had been made to him of the affair, Solicitor Huffman stated last night. He had only been apprised of the shooting through what he had heard in the newspapers, and from what he had heard through conversations with Lincoln county citizens.

SHERIFF WAITS FOR WORD FROM SOLICITOR HUFFMAN

Sheriff Abernethy Is Unable To Throw Any Light On The Killing—Range Of Bullet Absolves Deputy Baxter In The Opinion Of Sheriff. LINCOLNTON, Dec. 29.—Sheriff Abernethy, of Lincoln county, today expected word from Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of the Sixth Judicial District, relative to the shooting of Fred Allison, young Charlotte automobile mechanic, during a pistol duel between Allison and his companions in an automobile and Deputy Sheriff Baxter and Miller.

The sheriff said the evidence he had gathered fails to throw any light on the identity of the person who fired the shot which resulted in Allison's death a few hours later at a Lincolnton hospital. He had been unable to find the owner of a .38-caliber revolver, found on the left hand side of the Allison car by Deputies Baxter and Miller. It was believed the bullet which pierced Allison's head was of .38-caliber. Sheriff Abernethy explained that Deputy Baxter's gun was a .41 caliber, and the gun found on Allison's person by Dr. C. B. Crowell, at the hospital, was a .25-caliber and had not been fired. The .38-caliber gun contained six empty shells, all evidently fired only a few moments previously, and four empty .25-caliber shells were found on the floor of the car, near the controls.

After the shooting began, at a point near a country store, the car continued 107 paces in the road and then swerved to the side, two wheels going into the ditch. In this turning position, the car continued 27 more paces, according to the sheriff who said he paced the distances. To Examine Car. No mark was found on the car indicating that the bullet which killed Allison had been fired. Some evidence added at the coroner's inquest Monday indicated the view of expert witnesses that the bullet had ricocheted and hit Allison. The sheriff said he had not closely examined the car for such marks but promised to do so immediately. He explained that he had in his possession Allison's car and the 60 gallons of whiskey which was found in the car.

PROPOSE PURCHASE OF PIPE ORGAN FOR SCHOOL

City School Board Plans To Buy Handsome Instrument For Auditorium New High School. Plans for the purchase of a handsome pipe organ for the new high school building for Gastonia are under consideration by the city school board. The instrument will be the only one of its kind in a high school in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

With the addition of this pipe organ, the handsome auditorium will be used for many concerts and recitals that could not otherwise have been brought to Gastonia. It is planned now to open the new building about commencement time next May with a grand recital and concert.

THE WEATHER. Increasing cloudiness tonight, probably followed by rain Sunday, slowly rising temperature.

Hughes' Suggestion Leaves Matter Of Reparations Crisis In Hands Of Allied Premiers

HI-Y CLUB BOYS HAD DELIGHTFUL GATHERING. Ex-Members From College Tell Of Experiences—Dr. J. H. Henderlite Addresses The Members.

The first annual get-together of the local Hi-Y and Hi-Y club members, along with their fathers, was held Friday at 12:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Annex, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D., being the principal speaker of the day. A delightful luncheon was held with the sons of yesterday rubbing elbows with the sons who will make the generation that is to come. Some fifty men and young men were present with plenty of speakers on hand to keep them entertained. The Kiwanis Club kept plenty of pep in the diners with their songs, led by Mr. D. H. Williams.

Vice-president Lindley Rutter acted as toastmaster, in place of President William Sparrow, who is confined to his home with illness. The program began with Rev. H. H. Jordan, who pronounced the invocation. Greetings from the colleges that the 1922 members now attend were heard. Ex-President Ralph Falls extended greetings from Davidson, where five of last year's club are this year. Mr. Willis C. Johnson spoke for the North Carolina University boys. Greetings from Trinity were heard from Mr. Frank B. Jordan. A member of the 1921 club, Mr. Ben E. Ratchford also spoke about the advantages a collegian gets from doing Hi-Y work in high school.

Dr. Henderlite, in his address, appealed to the sons present to carry on by falling into the footsteps of their fathers and doing their good turns for the betterment of humanity when their sires retired from active business. The speaker told in a very impressive way the need of honor and honesty among the generation that is soon to come into its own, and the importance of each son taking up their life work with determination to make good. Remarks were made by Mr. A. G. Myers, of the city school board, Prof. W. P. Grier, of the school Dr. L. N. Glenn and Mr. J. Young Todd, leader of the 1921 and 1922 Hi-Y clubs.

The High School Club (Hi-Y Club) is affiliated with the Student Christian Association and is a national organization, promoted by the National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. Its purpose is to create, maintain and extend throughout the school high standards of Christian character. The club's motto is that of clean speech, clean sport and clean lives among their fellows. Officers of the local Hi-Y are: President, William Sparrow, vice president, Lindley Rutter, treasurer, Ben Atkins, secretary Murray Atkins. Mr. J. Y. Todd is the club leader.

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

Middle Atlantic States: Snow or rain over north and rain over south Atlantic at beginning of week and again about Thursday or Friday. Temperature about normal. South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Rain at beginning of week and again about Thursday or Friday; otherwise fair. Temperatures normal or above until near end of week, then colder.

COMMERCIAL NAT'L BANK AT WILMINGTON IS CLOSED

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Commercial National Bank here was closed today by the National Bank Examiner who refused to comment as did the officials except one who expressed the belief it would be able to pay off depositors fully. So far as Germany is concerned, it has been plainly indicated heretofore that the commission plan would be entirely acceptable. A definite statement to that effect was contained in a cablegram recently received from the German Industrial Union—Ud Handelstag, an organization of German industrial leaders, to the chamber of commerce of the United States, whose officials have had the proposal for a commission under discussion with the State Department for several weeks.

A. R. P. MEN ENJOY DELIGHTFUL BANQUET

Seventy-Five Men And Boys Hold Get-Together Meeting—Served By Ladies Of Church. It was a very enjoyable and delightful banquet that the men and boys of the First Associated Reformed Presbyterian church held Friday evening at the church. Some seventy-five members were present and a most pleasant evening was spent around the banquet table. Mr. S. N. Boyce acted as toastmaster for the occasion and short talks were in order, given by several men of the church and visitors. Those speaking were Messrs. J. Young Todd, W. P. Grier, Dr. D. A. Garrison, Mr. E. R. Spencer, of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and Dr. J. W. Carson, of Newberry, South Carolina.

The ladies of the church catered to the guests, a very delicious meal being served. The banquet was a very successful one and the ladies of the church were commended for their work.

R. B. BABINGTON LEAVES JAN. 22 ON FIVE MONTHS TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Sails From New York Through Panama Across Pacific To Orient. BACK THROUGH EUROPE. Cruise Will End June 15—Comes Home Through Canada. Mr. R. B. Babington, president of the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital and general manager of the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph Company, leaves Monday, January 22 from New York for a cruise around the world. He will be gone until the middle of June 1923, and will have traveled 35,000 miles by the time he returns to his native North Carolina. The trip in brief is from New York through the Panama Canal, across the Pacific to Japan, China, India, through East Indian waters through the Suez Canal, Egypt, Palestine, Italy, France, England and back to the United States across the Atlantic. The trip is made with the Frank C. Clark Cruise on the S. S. "Empress of France." A prospectus of the steamship company gives the following details of the cruise, which will be of interest to Mr. Babington's friends:

"The S. S. 'Empress of France' is one of the Palatial ships of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company equipped completely as one of the Fifth Avenue Hotels. Every passenger on this chartered floating palace is given first class accommodations throughout the entire cruise. Sailing from New York, January 22nd, touching at the following points, which are among the most important—Havana, January 29th, Colon, January 29th, Panama, January 30th, San Francisco, February 8th, Honolulu, February 15th, Yokohama, February 27th, Kobe, March 7th, Hongkong, March 15th, Manila, March 20, Isle of Java, March 25th, Cebu, India, April 6th, Isle of Ceylon, April 14th, Bombay, April 20th, Suez Canal, May 3rd, Karo, Egypt, May 4th, City of Jerusalem, May 6th, Naples, Italy, May 10th, Gibraltar, May 13th, Paris, May 16th, Flandersfield, May 18th, London, May 30th, across the Atlantic into the month of the St. Lawrence down to Quebec and Montreal, June 14th, then by railway back to the good old North State, this being more than 35,000 miles on land and water.

"We will visit hundreds of the most historic cities and places of the world. We will spend three days near the Himalayas in India, going to the foot of Mount Everest, the monarch of the mountain world, to see the sun rise on Saturday, April 7th.

"The cruise is made for the purpose of rest, recreation, travel and education. Our parties will be entertained at the best hotels in every city we touch. Lectures and entertainments are given aboard ship every day. Lectures are made the day before landing at every port relative to the landing in that city. Guides are furnished to parties of 15 in order that every place of interest may be visited quickly and intelligently. These lectures will be given by some of the most noted men and preachers of America, who are fellow passengers. Regular Sunday services will be held on board ship, conducted by eminent Divines, except when the ship is at port on Sundays.

"A cablegram will be sent to the New York office by our Captain immediately after docking at all points, and friends will be notified by post card of some from Clark's New York office. The cruise is scheduled for about 120 days, which will make our arrival home about June 15th.

EXPECT BERGDOLL TO LAND AT PENSACOLA

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 30.—Local police and port officials were early today making preparation to meet the steamship Jupiter said to be en route to this port with Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, Philadelphia stunt dodger, on board as a member of its crew. No word had been received from the Jupiter early today, and the local press arrival is not yet known. Post authorities say they are expecting the vessel to arrive here either today or tomorrow. In the meantime other gulf ports are being closely watched for the arrival of the Jupiter.

Leon county authorities at Tallahassee, Florida, were still holding today the young man, who claims his name is William Jones, of Erie, Pa., taken into custody yesterday suspected as being Bergdoll. Sheriff Jones, of Leon county, who has the suspect in charge, said while he did not believe the name-bearing held is Bergdoll, he would continue to hold him until his finger prints have been compared in Washington with those of the war dodger.