

CANTON LANGUID AS NEWS MURDER SHOCKS COUNTRY

Tempo of the Town's Life Seemed Slowed by Heat, Police and Civic Organizations Are Bewildered With Canton Underworld

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Canton, Ohio, July 23. — The city of Canton lies languid today, under the torrid blanket of July heat which has gripped the country this week from coast to coast.

Police headquarters in a ramshackle two story red brick building, reached by a rickety pair of stairs, seems somnolent. There is no stage str of activity, no wild opening and closing of doors, no air of mystery, no crowds, no nothing. A tired eyed clerk sits pounding at a typewriter, writing something in single spaced lines.

And yet despite the outward calm which has come to the city after several hectic days and nights, men who investigated and executed the assassination of Don R. Stewart, publisher of Former Governor Cox's Canton News, shall not be swallowed up, lost and forgotten in the "jungle" from which they are supposed to have fared forth for the fatal evening's work.

Some of the civic organizations of the city appear to be hung up on horns of a dilemma. They do not like to admit that Canton is any worse than any busy, industrial city of her size and environment. Yet they are shocked at what has happened and know that what Don Mellett was struck down, the blow emanated from somewhere out of the city's darkness and was aimed at the heart of decency and cleanliness.

The chamber of commerce, beset with inquiries as to "conditions" in Canton, frankly says it is unable to give any data one way or the other. It has conducted the killing, has added \$1,000 to the public revenue and it has made public some interesting statistics of the city's growth and the activity of its industries.

FIVE ARE HURT AS AUTO TURNS OVER ON CURVE

State and District Officials of Junior Order and Walter L. Cohoon Hurt in Highway Accident

ALL RECOVERING
Driver Lost Control of Car in Negotiating Sharp Curve Near Weaverville; Was Traveling Slowly

Their automobile overturning while they were on their way to this city from a district meeting of the Junior Order at Weaverville, eight miles south of here, M. W. Lineke, of Nashville, N. C., newspaper editor and State Councillor of the order, B. H. Pate, of Apex, State representative of the National Council of the order; J. E. Corbett, district deputy of the Juniors; Walter L. Cohoon, former attorney for the State Highway Commission, and Mrs. Samuel Williams, the last named three living in this city, sustained a number of painful cuts and bruises.

Those hurt worst were Mr. Cohoon and Mr. Pate. The former sustained a severe cut on the left arm, severing several arteries, and the latter was cut on the left side of his head, the injury necessitating seven stitches to close it. Mrs. Williams also was cut slightly above the left ear. The others escaped with relatively unimportant bruises. All were resting comfortably today.

In discussing the accident today, Mr. Lineke, who was driving, declared he was traveling no faster than 15 miles an hour, and lost control of the car in making a very sharp curve near the home of J. C. Small, about six miles from this city. The car overturned on the left side, the glass and rear wheel being broken, and the left fender crushed.

At the time, Mr. Cohoon was sitting with his arm resting in the window, and it was cut by broken glass. He lost much blood, but was reported fast recovering today. After they had extricated themselves from the wreckage, the occupants of the car were picked up and brought hurriedly to this city by Daniel Cartwright, of Weaverville, the first motorist who happened along after the accident occurred.

Mr. Cohoon was treated at his home by Dr. W. A. Peters and Dr. H. D. Walker, it being necessary to take several stitches to close the injury on his arm. The others were treated by Dr. Zenas Fearling. Mrs. Williams is vice councillor of the State Council of the Daughters of America, women's branch of the Junior Order, and is junior past councillor of the Elizabeth City Council of the order.

It is recalled that Mr. Cohoon led a vigorous but unsuccessful fight to have that particular curve straightened out when the Weaverville Highway was paved several years ago. "They wouldn't do it," he commented today, "and this is the result."

As a result of the mishap, Mr. Lineke found it necessary to conduct several speaking engagements slated for the next few days in the western part of the State. Messrs. Lineke, Pate and Cohoon had delivered addresses earlier in the day at the Junior sessions at Weaverville.

home on election day, the underworld marshalls its strength. There is no guessing about the underworld vote. It is delivered. One wonders how a city the size of Canton can support what must be a thickly settled and expensive underworld. "Down the Hill," whiskey selling and dope peddling have become so profitable that the underworld wallows in its riches. The red lights and the gaming tables are accompaniments of the unrighteous prosperity. The explanation seems simple. Most discouraging of all, however, is the word which comes to you that unsolved murders are no new thing in the Canton underworld. You are told there have been perhaps ten of them this year. Usually the victim is some poor unfortunate "rat" who has quarreled with another bit of human vermin and there is a reward to be won on the surface. The underworld may have its own code and fight with

AROUND WORLD IN 28 DAYS TO SET NEW RECORD



Linton Wells and Edward Evans are shown on arrival at the Cleveland (O.) airport, on the last leg of their record-breaking dash around the world in 28 days. They arrived in Cleveland in separate planes from Chanute Field, Ill., and immediately took off for New York, the end of their journey. Wells, a newspaper man, is shown in the plane shaking hands with Evans, millionaire Detroitier, just after his plane landed.

Posse Runs Down False Clue As To George Waterfield

Another Day of Fruitless Search for Man Charged With Murder of Bertha Anzell

Shawboro, July 23.—Running down a clue that turned out to be a false one took a posse headed by Sheriff R. E. Flora to Washington Coast Guard station Thursday and to an all-day search of Rainbow Marsh in that vicinity for some trace of George Waterfield, wanted in connection with the shooting to death of Miss Bertha Anzell and the wounding of her sweetheart, Willie Tatem, in front of Waterfield's home on Knotts Island in the late afternoon of Tuesday, July 13.

The posse left here Thursday morning at 5 o'clock and returned Thursday night about 9 o'clock. The report on the strength of which the posse was organized was to the effect that a boy in a tree searching for his ponies had seen a boat make a landing on Rainbow Marsh and a moment later he observed on the land three men instead of two. When the boat left the landing only two men were seen to be in it.

The supposition, of course, was that the third man was George Waterfield, that he was in hiding in the marsh, and that friends were taking him provisions. Investigation disclosed, however, according to reports of members of the posse, that the third man was being landed to talk to some berry pickers on the marsh, and no trace of Waterfield was found. Reports that Waterfield, when last seen, was headed from Knotts Island for the beach in an open boat lent credence to the conjecture that he was in hiding in Rainbow Marsh.

Members of the posse, besides Sheriff Flora, included Iri Flora, Will Flora and Jake Bell of Shawboro, Wilton Walker of Moyock, and Monford Forbes of Elizabeth City.

DENIES LIQUOR SOLD ON THE LEVIATHAN
Boston, July 23.—Captain Hartley of the United States liner Leviathan today flatly denied that any liquor has been sold on board the steamship.

Washington, July 23.—Charges of liquor selling aboard Shipping Board vessels including the Leviathan are under investigation by Federal authorities in New York. Taking cognizance of public charges by W. H. Stayton, head of the association against the prohibition amendment, officials said that customs authorities and Department of Justice agents already had been directed to establish the facts. The investigation is entirely in the hands of field administrators at New York and no reports have been received here.

THOUSANDS HOLD FORTH AT MERRY COLERAIN PICNIC

Many Elizabeth City People Attend Modern Woodmen's Event at Pleasant Chowan River Beach

BOYS' BAND ON HAND
Events of Day Included Addresses by Fraternal Officers, Concerts and Unusual Ball Game

A crowd estimated at close to 3,000 attended the annual picnic of the Modern Woodmen of America at Colerain Beach Thursday, the events of the day including addresses by M. L. Tremain, State deputy of the order, and J. C. Evans, district deputy; concerts by the Elizabeth City Boys' Band; a never-to-be-forgotten baseball game between Colerain and Elizabeth City; water sports during the day, and a dance in the beach pavilion at night.

Many Elizabeth City people attended the picnic, besides the band and the ball team, and for most of them the trip was a revelation of the attractiveness of the little resort on the far side of the Chowan River. It has an excellent, shelving beach, is pleasantly wooded, slightly hilly country, and has an unusual number of attractions for one bent on a holiday jaunt.

The Colerain ferries were kept busy all day and until far into the night in transporting hundreds across the broad river. As a matter of fact, the ferry facilities were taxed somewhat beyond their capacity, and many of the visitors had a long, long wait before getting across.

The Colerain-Elizabeth City baseball game was the principal attraction for the bulk of the crowd. Although it was hot on the hill where Colerain's diamond is situated, several hundred people braved the sizzling rays of the sun to watch the two lines fight it out, Elizabeth City eventually winning, 15 to 12. There was plenty to eat at the picnic, barbecue and roast chicken dinners apparently holding first place in the favor of the hungry thousands, although the "hot dog," monarch undisputed among picnic viands, managed to hold his own. The eatables were served at distinctly moderate prices, those in charge of them manifesting no disposition to hold up the crowd.

All in all, that Colerain picnic was a thoroughly enjoyable event, even though the sun was hot on the baseball hill, and those who journeyed there from Elizabeth City brought back a most favorable impression of the place and the people.

Heavy Cotton Crop Is Prospect For Fall Of 1926

Raleigh, July 23.—Despite the coldest spring in years and the drought of early summer, another heavy cotton crop seems in prospect for North Carolina, according to the estimate of Frank Parker, crop statistician of the Department of Agriculture. His opinion is backed by the Government's mid-July condition report, which figures the nation's crop at 79.7 per cent of normal or full growth.

Mr. Parker and his assistants have just completed a condition survey over all cotton growing sections of the State. They find stands almost up to what they were a year ago, crops well cultivated as a whole, and regardless of the loud cries of "hopper," that have recently rang through the State, there has been very little damage from pests and the weather is most unfavorable for the developing and breeding of the flea as well as the weevil.

The possible fact of an annual heavy cotton crop is not considered by Mr. Parker to be necessarily good news. The two million bale surplus of last year made a short crop rather to be desired this season. However, if the entire belt is going to show a heavy crop, it is hoped that North Carolina will not find herself short of cotton in the face of a low market.

Big Musical Extravaganza, Pandora In Lilac Time, At High School Here Tonight

Cast of 100, Headed by New York Stars, to Give Preliminary Program of Dances and Other Specialty Numbers at Baseball Game Today

What promises to be the most elaborate theatrical entertainment given here in several years will be presented at the new high school tonight in the musical extravaganza, "Pandora in Lilac Time," which will be given by a cast of nearly 100, headed by two New York stars, with eighty unusual and beautiful lighting and scenic effects, and much dancing.

Headed by the company are Clifford Cunard, lyric tenor, who is an understudy of the Metropolitan Opera Company, in New York, and Edna Fox, widely known prima donna, who formerly was with the Cincinnati Opera Company. In the cast also are many solo dancers and singers, according to L. D. Pelot, secretary of the Puritan Club at Norfolk, which is presenting the show. The curtain will rise at 8:15 o'clock.

Arriving this afternoon, the cast of "Pandora in Lilac Time" will parade through the city, accompanied by the Boys' Band, concluding their journey at the baseball diamond, where they will give several spectacular dancing features at the close of the game. They will present these on a large ground cloth in front of the grand stand.

Among the specialties will be a number by Little Miss Betty Zeller, aged five, and nationally known as a solo dancer. The piano for this special program has been loaned by the Duff Piano Company, of this city. After an examination of the high school auditorium yesterday in mid-afternoon—probably the hottest period in one of the hottest days of the year—Mr. Pelot offers assurance that it will be entirely comfortable tonight. "You needn't worry about the heat, at all," he assured a member of The Daily Advance staff.

Mr. Pelot explained that the Puritan Club is one of many similar organizations in the larger cities of the country, engaged in developing stage talent in individuals unable to bear the expense of dramatic training away from home. In coming to Elizabeth City, he stated, the club hopes to pave the way for frequent future productions, and also to offer an opportunity to local talent to avail themselves of the same training.

The large theatrical producers have their scouts, just as the major league baseball clubs do, he declared, and these are scouring the country for potential stars. Clubs of the type of the Puritan are constantly under their observation, he said, and therefore those taking part in such productions as "Pandora in Lilac Time" have an unusual opportunity of breaking into big company. The Puritan is arranging to give future productions in Suffolk, Newport News, Hampton and other smaller cities in the vicinity of Norfolk.

"Pandora in Lilac Time" was a remarkable success, according to Mr. Pelot, attracting large crowds nightly for a week at the Colonial Theater, and receiving widespread favorable newspaper and individual comment. It was necessary to give a Saturday matinee which had not been advertised in advance, he added, in order that all who wished might see the show.

The extravaganza is built around the ancient Greek legend of Pandora and the hope chest which is familiar to all readers of mythology. The story is that a famous Greek sculptor, Epimetheus, carved out a statue of a beautiful woman, and the god, Prometheus, breathed life into it. Thus Pandora was created.

Prometheus presented to Pandora a mysterious chest, warning her never to open it. Her curiosity finally got the better of her, and she disobeyed the command, releasing a multitude of evils representing all the ills to which womanhood has been heir since Pandora's time. Only one spirit was caught imprisoned in the chest when it was closed again, that one being Hope. The idea of the "hope chest," which nearly every girl cherishes, evolved from the legend.

PLAN TO REPAIR, NOT TO ABANDON, FLOATING ROAD

Letter to Senator P. H. Williams From District Highway Commissioner Kugler Explains Situation

PROMISES ACTION
Mr. Kugler Asks That Elizabeth City People Be Notified in Order That Minds May Be Relieved

To repair and not to abandon the so-called floating paved road across Machelie Island and the adjacent Camden mainland is the program of the State Highway Commission and the work of putting the road into good condition is to be undertaken in the immediate future.

The foregoing program is made clear in a letter to Senator P. H. Williams from District Highway Commissioner Frank C. Kugler, in which Mr. Kugler says that he has gone over the matter with Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and that Mr. Page is convinced that the road can be repaired at a fraction of the cost of a new road and has definitely promised immediate action looking toward putting the road in satisfactory condition.

This is good news to Elizabeth City and to all Currituck and Lower Camden as well, for this road offers the sole gateway into Elizabeth City for the lower half of Camden County as well. With immediate prospect of a paved road all the way from Currituck Courthouse to Elizabeth City, the condition of the "floating" road has been a matter of growing concern to Currituck and Camden as well as to Elizabeth City.

The floating road has been impassable on only a few occasions since it was paved, but so heavy is the traffic that its interruption on these occasions caused a roar of protest that was rolled back and echoed from the hills of the plover. Though rarely altogether impassable, however, there was a period when all low swung cars had difficulty in negotiating this road when the wind from the Roanoke River was higher than normal. This condition was overcome by three fills where the water on the road was deepest and only once since then has the road been impassable, and that was at a time when the tide was so exceptional as to be hardly likely to occur more than once or twice in a decade.

What causes uneasiness as to this road, however, is not the danger of immediate interruption of traffic but the fear that the road will be neglected until the water becomes so deep on portions now continuously inundated except at periods of abnormally low tide that traffic once more will be seriously impeded if not interrupted. Another reason for dissatisfaction is that when certain sunken portions were raised by fills some time ago these fills were not paved and the going over them, as a rule, is extremely rough. It is again the depth of the water which will drown the motor. Rough going over unpaved segments and very pulling through water sometimes more than a foot deep combine sometimes to add 25 per cent to the time that would be required to drive from Elizabeth City to Camden over a 16 foot paved highway that was high and dry.

That these are the facts that make the letter of Commissioner Kugler to Senator Williams of extraordinary interest. The text of the letter addressed to Senator Williams and signed by Mr. Kugler follows: "As promised, I am writing you relative to the so called floating road.

"I had this matter up with Mr. Page while in Raleigh and he stated to me that work would commence on this road at once. I take this to mean just as soon as materials can be obtained to get it in good shape. On account of his physical condition I refrained from going into details but, he assured me that work would be started to repair.

"I am quite sure that he feels that the whole road should not be abandoned and wasted and with the information that he has it can be put in a good state of repair."

"Will you kindly inform your folks in Elizabeth City about this so that they may be relieved about the situation."

ALBERT CUMMINS AND C. B. SLEMP MAKE A MISTAKE

Coolidge Fans Did Not Want All This Talk About 1928 to Start, But These Fellows Did It

SLEMP THE WORST
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Washington, July 23.—If President Coolidge, up in the Adirondacks, is as thoroughly peeved with Senator Albert B. Cummins and C. Bascom Slemp as his friends here in Washington are, then he must be a very frolicful President.

Coolidgeites distinctly did not want 1928 Presidential talk to start at present. With the corn belt in such a ferment of discontent as it is today, a great deal of anti-administration conversation is bound to be mixed into any discussion of candidacies. The Coolidge game obviously is to lie low for awhile and hope for better times for the farmers.

Another thing, so long as everybody continued to assume that President Coolidge expected a re-nomination, it was impossible for any rival aspirant in his own party to announce himself. Now Cummins and Slemp have set the Presidential pot a-bolling, notwithstanding all the White House "spokesman's" capacity for keeping his mouth shut.

Cummins, to be sure, has repudiated his prediction that President Coolidge will not care to be renominated two years hence, but nobody pays any attention to his repudiation. The opposition party management goes right ahead with its comment on what the Iowa senator is supposed to have said, just as if he really had said it. Besides, there is a suspicion in Coolidge circles in Washington that he did say it.

The suggestion by Slemp—the President's own former private secretary—of the availability of Speaker Nicholas Longworth was even worse. The Coolidge folk are almost admittedly very much afraid of Longworth, not so much of his own as on his wife's account. Like other candidacies, the Ohioan's had to remain under a bushel, so far as any expression from either of the two Longworths was concerned, until the President declared himself out of the picture.

Poincare Cabinet Is Nearly Completed

Paris, July 23.—M. Poincare early this afternoon had filled every post in his new cabinet with the exception of the ministry of labor. M. Poincare is premier and minister of finance.

Albemarle, July 23.—The bodies of James Terry and James Howell, negro convicts, who are alleged to have died from maltreatment had no bruises or other indications of abuse on them. P. J. Hunneycutt, mortician who was in charge of funeral arrangements testified today.

COTTON CROP ALMOST LARGE AS LAST YEAR'S

Washington, July 23.—A cotton crop of 15,268,000 equivalent 500 pound bales this year is indicated by the condition of the crop on July 16 which was 79.7 per cent normal, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

Millionaire Budlong Is Granted Divorce

Providence, Rhode Island, July 23.—Hilton J. Budlong, millionaire New York and Newport resident and former head of the Packard Motor Car Company, was granted a divorce from Jessie Margaret Budlong in the re-entrant filed in Newport Superior Court by Judge Edward W. Blodgett today.

For nearly three years the Budlongs and their marital difficulties have been before the public eye through a series of court actions.

Franklin S. Terry Dies at Summer Home
Asheville, July 23.—Franklin S. Terry, vice president of the General Electric Company, died at two o'clock this morning at his home in Black Mountain near here following a heart attack.

Rutherfordton Sun Is Awarded the Cup
Hickory, July 23.—Editors and publishers of the North Carolina Press Association left here this morning for a trip to Blowing Rock where they are to be entertained. It was announced prior to the departure that the Rutherfordton Sun had been awarded the cup as being the best weekly paper in the State.

Republicans Meet
Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County Republicans attended a get-together session at the courthouse here Thursday night, at which J. C. Meekins, of Raleigh, secretary of the State executive committee of the party, presented a plan of organization with a view to opening the fall campaign in the early future.

Mrs. Raymond Moore, accompanied by her brother, F. Roland Bell, motored to Beaufort and Morehead City Friday to spend a few days.