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DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN 37 SOJERS BY GEN. GODWIN

Page And Jernigan Are Executioners In Mournful Slaughter Here

PLEAS OF FRIENDS AVAIL NAUGHT AT BIG TRIAL

Johnny Walker, The Haig Twins, Jim Gordon And Old Lewis Hunter Among Those Whose Life Blood Trickles Into Sewer—Gen. Barleycorn Routed.

Thirty-seven dead soldiers, all in a row, occupying one corner of the office of U. S. Page, chief of police, tell the pathetic tale of John Barleycorn's latest stand against the forces that would ban his deceiving smile from the light of day. They are there; their spirits have flown—and in the flying there lies a tale heartrending and tragic.

These little soldiers came to town aboard a Pullman car in company with two men, a woman and—it has been intimated—some others of their kind. Chief Page, Oasifer Nipper and Detective Langley, supported by other volunteer slayers, were at the station to engage them. Through the wire mesh of a Pullman window the two men escaped at the first sound of the impending clash, leaving the poor little soldiers with no protection on the flank save that of the woman.

Nestling in the soft packing of seven suit cases, the little soldiers were given no intimation of trouble. Their sole remaining protectress surrendered to the grim force of the law and with her went them. At the police station they were brought from cover. There were, according to original dispatches, forty-eight of them. With the woman they were put in durance while pending the decision of General Godwin, commandant of the prison, as to what would be their fate.

All of this happened Thursday night Friday morning General Godwin presided over court martial proceedings. The whole affair was a farce, while the fate of the soldiers was being determined.

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HIRE LAWYER TO HELP FIGHT CONSOLIDATION

Citizens Wrought Up Over School Question Engage Attorney And Hold Mass Meeting

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That a hired attorney from the State Capitol could add weight to the opposition to school consolidation in Harnett was the evident belief of some people who gathered here Monday in an impromptu meeting to whom 'em up against the measure. Some hundred or more citizens attended the gathering, though whether all were in sympathy with the opposition movement would be hard to say, inasmuch as the majority portion remained calm while others imparted the best information they had upon the subject.

J. C. Little, an attorney of Raleigh, had been employed to act as toastmaster for the occasion. It is reported that the attorney was paid \$100 for his services, the fee is not of so much consequence, however, the main point being that people in Harnett county engaged a foreign lawyer to attempt something he could not accomplish, which the leaders in Monday's demonstration could have known.

The object of the meeting was to make a "showing" against consolidation of schools. It was a poor showing. Hard-earned money paid to the Raleigh lawyer went where it cometh at back. The attorney delivered a little speech in which he told his clients it was not the proper time for the question to come up. His hearers 'new this in their own mind of course but they applauded.

After the meeting had gained full swing Supt. Gentry undertook to reason with the assemblage, but they would hear none of it. They had a loud lawyer to do their talking and when the attorney had quit talking they quit the meeting.

GIRLS PLACE BAN ON THE LIPSTICK

Durham High School Students Against Modern "Beautifiers"

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THINKS MARS CAN BE REACHED BY WIRELESS

Marconi Has Not Changed His Opinion In Regard To Such A Possibility

London, Dec. 11.—Marconi, who some months ago caused a flutter in the wireless world by announcing that he had received a communication of tremendous wave length which he believed to have come from Mars, has not changed his opinion on the possibility of communicating with that planet because of his critics. Although unable to prove that the signal he heard was from outer space, he now declares he refuses to say it was not.

"Discussing the recurrence of such "interference" in wireless communication, he said, "I have stated at various times that undoubtedly effects resembling signals of great wave length occasionally have been registered by wireless receivers—effects coming apparently from somewhere in space—and these observations have been confirmed by many wireless observers. I may also have mentioned on some occasions that the possibility of such signals emanating from the planet Mars could not be entirely excluded for the reason that these effects seemed to have their source somewhere in space outside the earth and that the planet Mars undoubtedly was situated in space outside the earth. It is clear, therefore, that when a metaphorical pistol was held at my head I refused absolutely to affirm the signals did not come from Mars.

"How can I know How can anyone know? How is it possible to prove they did not?" "The signals come from space outside the earth. They may come from upper reaches of the atmosphere; they may be caused by magnetic disturbance in the sun; they may come from Mars or Venus even.

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BOLL WEEVIL HAS NO TERROR FOR THE TURLINGTONS

Duroc-Jersey Bring Hand-some Returns To One Har-nett Farm

SELLS FIFTY HOGS FOR AVERAGE OF \$50 EACH

Herd Headed By Aviator Wonder King Sells All Prizes In State and County Fairs—Top Scales, III, Son of World Champion, New Boar.

There is at least one Harnett county farm for which the boll weevil has no terror. That is the Turlington farm operated by Henry Turlington, President of the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association, who a few years ago started raising Duroc-Jerseys as a sideline to his main other farming activities.

This year Mr. Turlington raised more than 100 Duroc-Jerseys. He has sold about 50 of these at an average price of \$50 each, and is still filling orders as fast as they come. He still has about 50 young hogs ready to ship. In addition to profits from the fair prizes there were in the sale at Raleigh, at Fayetteville and other points in the state, his three Aviator Wonder King boars and champion for the second year.

Mr. Turlington raised two herds of Duroc-Jerseys. His champion boar was headed by Aviator which weighs some 300 lbs. and a Champion boar, a younger herd and won all the prizes for his age and class at the fair, in the way of \$1,000. Scissors, champion boar.

With the sale of his herd Mr. Turlington has worked a way from the boll weevil to hogs. He grows corn and soybeans and has not enough to use for his own herd.

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WOMAN'S CLUB STAGES CANTATA NEXT SUNDAY

Fifty of Best Voices Picked From Local Choirs For Musical Treat

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Christmas season observance program will be opened here next Sunday night with a cantata by a chorus of fifty of the best voices picked from the choirs of local churches. The cantata will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Club and is being directed by Mrs. Harper McD. Holliday, nee Miss Fannia Spain, of Greenville, who was one of the most noted singers of the State before her marriage here two years ago.

The cantata will be staged in the main auditorium of Divine Street Methodist church and will be given solely for the edification of the community. No charge will be made for admission and no offering will be solicited.

Recent rehearsals indicate that the occasion is to be the most enjoyable from a musical viewpoint ever attempted in Dunn. Mrs. J. Lloyd Wade, president of the Woman's club, will play the organ.

Congresswoman "In Bed" Miss Alice Robertson, the modest, motherly soul of the plains, at present the only woman in Congress as Representative from Oklahoma, intends to seek another term. She proposes to go before the electorate of her state, despite the fact that certain progressive women have tried to weaken her by labeling her as a "Friend of Wall street."

"I'm lined up with Wall street, and I'm in bed all round. I'm a kettle of hot water all right," says Miss Robertson.

"Look here," said the Oklahoma Representative, reading a radical newspaper, "Under the heading 'Voting with Wall street against the President' is my name. Poor old I, who never managed to scrape up a head in my life, because I always had too big a family to feed. 'Lined up with Wall street' I have a little piece of land down in Oklahoma. When the tax assessor asks me if it has anything on it, I always tell him 'a spot of Wall street'."

HOSPITAL INSTALLS NEW STEAM HEATING PLANT

Harnett County News.

A steam heating plant has not been installed in Central Harnett Hospital to take the place of the hot air system which was found inadequate to meet the needs of the institution. Radiators in the halls, offices and in each room and ward render the hospital comfortable throughout.

The hospital is fitting a long list of new equipment for the Harnett county. Besides furnishing aid and relief for the suffering in time of stress, the institution has been made comfortable and home like for the convalescent, and the people are realizing and appreciating the services of Dr. Halford and Riddle, as well as the efficient and pains-taking care of Miss Wheelers, the superintendent.

Director School Extension Makes Report of Work

Harnett County News.

Miss Mame Camp, director of school extension in Harnett county, submits the following report of the work accomplished during the month of November:

Twenty-three meetings were held, with a total attendance of three thousand. Six special programs with a thirty-minute lecture on some vital topic, were given. Three hundred dollars was raised by the different community clubs for athletic goods and other school equipment. Fourteen basket ball and volley ball outfits were purchased by the different schools.

Twenty story hours were held during the month and twenty-one afternoons spent in giving setting-up exercises, organized playground work or some other form of athletics. Six schools started Junior Citizenship work in the seventh and eighth grades.

is below the rate (25.0) for 1916, which may be looked upon as a more normal year, as it preceded the influenza epidemic and the entrance of the United States into the war.

"For 1920, the highest birth rate (81.7) for the white population is found for North Carolina and the lowest (18.3) for California, while for the colored (which includes negroes, Indians, Chinese and Japanese) the highest rates are 29.5 and 29.1, respectively; for Washington and California. The next highest rate for the colored 21.3, is for North Carolina. The lowest rate, colored (disregarding the very low rates in a few of the New England states in which the negro population is small are for Kansas (17.1) and Kentucky (19.0)."

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CLAUDE KITCHIN MUCH IMPROVED IN HEALTH

Whites McLean Brings News of Floor Leader From Washington

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"Democrats in Washington and elsewhere throughout the country are rejoicing at the marked improvement in the health of Minority Leader, Claude Kitchin.

And the probability of his return to his active duty in the House," said A. Whiton McLean, Director of the War Finance Corporation, who was in Raleigh last night.

"Scarcely a day passes that I do not hear some prominent Democrat express the opinion that the enforced absence of Mr. Kitchin from his duty as Democratic leader is well nigh an irreparable loss to the Democratic party and to the country.

"It is generally conceded by both Democrats and Republicans, that as floor leader in the great debates that necessarily broke loose between the opposing political parties at times like the present Claude Kitchin has no equal on either side.

"Frankly speaking I have never seen any one who in my opinion, possessed such real ability as a ready debater. I have seen him leading a running debate with the Republicans in the House when nearly every prominent Republican would at some time in the debate attempt to corner him. With rapid fire questions, involving every conceivable phase of the discussion.

"The result was always the same. Kitchin would invariably floor his interrogators as fast as they would come, and soon they would all be put to flight, many of them so embarrassed by his good humored logic and repartee that they would scurry to the cloak rooms to escape the smiling countenance of their colleagues."

N. C. MAY BE THIRD IN VALUE OF CROPS

Preliminary Estimates Indicate That South Will Be The Case

Harnett County News.

The annual Census Bureau figures giving the value of agricultural crops for the states of the union for the year 1921. These figures are due to be given out about December 17th. In the meantime Major Graham and Mr. Parker are doing a little figuring of their own and they have ground for hoping that instead of being sixth in the list as was the case last year, North Carolina may be third or certainly fourth.

According to their calculations and estimates Texas will be first with around \$475,000,000; California will be second with something like \$390,000,000 and North Carolina third with around \$300,000,000.

Certain unknown quantities entering into the equation make it possible that the final results will be different from what it appears now they will be. One of these unknown quantities is the value of the crops on which the figures have been estimated on the basis of the November crop reports. Mr. Parker assuming that these crops will bear the same relation to the whole as in 1920, the latest figures at his command, estimates that the total value will be as stated, about three hundred millions.

Value of Principal Crops
Estimated value of the principal crops calculated from the November crop reports are as follows:

Crops	Value
Corn, bushels	\$40,908,000
Wheat, bushels	7,118,000
Oats, bushels	1,578,000
Barley, bushels	5,000
Rye, bushels	449,000
Blackwheat, bushels	77,350
Rice, bushels	5,000
Potatoes, bushels	5,485,000
Sweet potatoes, bushels	10,971,000
All hay, tons	14,852,000
Tobacco, pounds	85,550,000
Lint cotton, pounds	58,975,000
Beans, bushels	39,500
Clover seed, bushels	284,000
Peasuts, bushels	5,216,000
Apples, bushels	1,482,000

Total \$323,954,850
Adding to this amount the value of all other crops calculated from the 1920 figures the estimated total of around three hundred million dollars is reached.

Value in the Peak Year
A comparison of these figures with those of the peak year of 1919 shows how values of crops have shrunk. In that year the value of North Carolina crops (none of the figures include livestock) was \$654,804,000, and the State was fourth. Texas was first with \$1,554,000,000. Next came Iowa with \$848,465,000. Figures for other leading farm states in that year were Illinois, \$908,827,000; Califor-

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SALE OF ELECTRIC SYSTEM DECIDED BY BALLOT TODAY

Carolina Power & Light Company Contract To Be Ratified Or Rejected

WOMEN ORGANIZED FOR EFFECTIVE WORK

Sixteen Members Of Woman's Club Striving To Bring All Voters To Polls—No Doubt That Election Will Be Carried If Citizens Are Interested.

Whether Dunn is to continue its limping way by the light of its sadly handicapped municipal electric system or is to ratify a contract submitted by the Carolina Power and Light Company through which the company agrees to purchase the plant and supply adequate light and power will be decided in election here today.

With the opening of the polls this morning sixteen members of the Woman's Club and as many members of the Chamber of Commerce, all under the direction of Mrs. J. Lloyd Wade and T. L. Riddle, too, the field is an effort to bring every registered voter to the balloting place in City Hall. Thirty-two automobiles are at the disposal of this militant army of workers who feel that the town's future welfare is at stake in this election.

Of the two body of workers the women seem to be the better organized. It will be their duty to see that all of the women in town who are registered vote. To carry out their plans they have distributed the town and assigned to each district a leader and an automobile. Each of the sixteen women have a list of the voters they are to see. Last night and yesterday afternoon most of them took the precaution to make an engagement for a certain time this morning with each of their charges.

The men are not so thoroughly organized. They will watch the polls and bring in such stragglers as may be forgotten to vote. All during the day they will be on hand.

It is improbable that this issue will reach its readers before the polls close. But if it does The Dispatch wishes to point out that there has not been a complaint concerning the Carolina Power and Light Company service from any town in which that service is used. There has been some talk of poor service in Smithfield, but Smithfield, contrary to general belief, does not use Carolina service. It is true that the current used there is supplied by the company, but it is bought wholesale and supplied by the town over its own system and under its own supervision. It is not just the company to change it with this municipality's direction.

The fact that Carolina service will save thousands of dollars every year to the citizens of Dunn is not denied by anybody. This is sufficient argument for all. A vote for the sale is a vote for the town's welfare it is a vote for real electric service that will be reflected in greater industrial growth in the future.

If it so happens that this paper reaches you before the polls close and you have not voted, hop to it now and register a counter for progress.

"Bluebird" Landru goes to the guillotine. Too many women will make many a man lose his head.

It is painful for some people to think. Did you ever notice that most financial writers are poor?

nia, \$10,167,000; New York, \$488,408,000; Pennsylvania, \$434,916,000.

Comparative figures for last year when the great dump had gotten under way but had not struck the country with full force are: Texas, \$727,400,000; Iowa, \$459,191,000; Illinois, \$466,179,000; California, \$476,750,000; New York, \$488,507,000 North Carolina, \$412,327,000. Mr. Parker says that revised figures for 1920 may put North Carolina in 26th instead of sixth place.

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