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K. K. K. MEMBERS ATTACKED BY MOB

Five Thousand in Riot Attack And Break Up Klan Meeting

Fifth Ave., N. J., Aug. 30.—A crowd of 5,000 persons broke up a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in Odd Fellows' hall tonight, 75 policemen and 150 firemen being unable to drive back the throng that stormed the building. Firemen drove trucks into the mass of people, but to no avail. A hurry call was sent for state police in Trenton.

Patrolmen fired shots in the air, threw gas bombs, and swung their nightsticks while the firemen turned streams of water on the fighting throng.

The leaders of the mob were knocked down by patrolmen when they first started to advance toward the hall, but after they had been carried away another attack was started. This time stones were thrown and all windows in Odd Fellows' hall, as well as many others in nearby buildings, were broken.

Police Chief Tenneson then ordered his men to throw tear gas bombs, and 13 of these, the town's entire supply were expended. The crowd fell back but advanced again hurling more stones. It was then that a riot call was sounded and 150 firemen dashed to the scene.

After the firemen had run their apparatus directly at the surging mass of humanity and had failed to disperse the crowd, they attached hose lines to every available hydrant and drenched the rioters with several streams of water. Daunted for a few seconds, the crowd fell back, braved the water and cut the hose lines with axes and knives while those in the crowd threw stones at the firemen.

Chief Tenneson in the meantime had ordered the klansmen to leave the building. Climbing out windows, down fire escapes and through every available exit, they sought not to be seen and many had to be shot.

As one man darted from the crowd some one shouted, "That man has a gun." A patrolman seized him, shoved him into an automobile, and hurried him to the police station. Other cars, loaded with men, followed, but the prisoner was rushed through the station and locked in a stable at the rear. After searching the station those who had followed returned to the scene of the fight.

As some of the klansmen broke away from the fighting mass, they shouted, "We're coming back—10,000 strong."

"All right," came back the answer, "we'll be waiting for you—20,000 strong."

The Klan meeting has been widely advertised. Chief Tenneson took special precaution against possible trouble as the result of a somewhat less disturbance at a Klan meeting several months ago. He stationed uniformed patrolmen and plain clothes men on the inside and other points in the vicinity.

The klansmen gathered soon after 8 o'clock, donned their robes and began their ceremonies. Soon little groups began to form in front of the building, the number being augmented until it was estimated at least five thousand persons were in the crowd. Men in the front ranks demanded admittance to the hall and when they were refused the fight began.

Minature Residence Attracts Attention

A minature residence, complete in every detail, and which presents the exact likeness of a city home, surrounded by paved sidewalks and streets and a white way, in the show window of the Barnes and Holliday Company's store in attracting much attention. The "little building" was constructed by Jno. W. Hodges. It contains five rooms and hall. Each room and the porches are provided with separate electric lights.

It is the most home-like minature residence yet seen here. The purpose of the building and the surroundings in the window is to advertise the Home Building and Loan Association. In the window are a number of attractively painted cards, one of which reads, "This street leads to success through the Home Building and Loan Association." The residence was "installed" in the window by Harper Holliday, who assisted Mr. Hodges in preparing the plans and assembling the parts that complete the good advertisement that it is.

MANY BUYERS ARE ON LOCAL MARKET

Several Large Cotton Concerns Have Representatives On Local Market

Realizing the fact that Dunn ranks as one of the leading cotton markets in the State, a number of large cotton concerns have already sent representatives here for the purpose of buying cotton on the local market. Among those who have recently arrived here for the purpose of buying the staple are: Johnnie Plahive, representing Holmes & Dawson, of Norfolk, Va.; E. P. Kelly, representing the Latham Cotton Company, of Greensboro; R. A. McQueen, representing Z. V. Kure and Company, of Norfolk, Va.; W. C. Colnean, representing Lowry Brothers, of Columbia, S. C.; W. T. Herndon, representing the Sanders-Orr Company, of Charlotte; W. P. Wall, representing Barbee and Company, Raleigh.

In addition to these R. O. Primrose is representing Alexander Sprunt and Sons, of Wilmington, again this season and three local concerns—The Johnston Cotton Company, J. L. Thompson Company and Marvin Wade Company—have buyers on the market.

Approximately 300 bales of new crop cotton have already been marketed here. Saturday was the "big day" of the season so far, 96 bales having been sold on that day. Cotton is opening rapidly and by the end of this week it is expected that more than 100 bales will be coming in daily.

While the boll weevil has gotten in some effective work during the past few weeks, local cotton buyers are expecting at least 20,000 bales to be marketed and pooled here from the 1923 crop.

SEVERE DAMAGE TO COTTON CROP

For First Time, Low Condition Report

Washington, Aug. 31.—Drought in Oklahoma and Texas, excessive rains in the Southeast, the boll weevil and the leaf worm caused a marked decline during August in the condition of the cotton crop, the Department of Agriculture announced today in placing the indicated crop at 10,788,000 bales as compared with a forecast of 11,516,000 bales as of July 25. The condition August 25 was estimated at 54.1 per cent of normal as compared with 87.2 per cent one month earlier and the indicated yield per acre dropped from 148.9 pounds to 134.8.

The condition of 42 per cent of normal in Georgia reflected the extent of weevil damage in that state, it was said, while the drop from a condition of 82 per cent, July 25, to 71 August 21, in North Carolina revealed the first severe effects of the pest this year in that state. Prevalence of the army worm, leaf worm and other insects in addition to the boll weevil also was reported to be causing considerable damage throughout the cotton states.

Condition by States
The condition on August 25 in per cent of a normal, and the forecast of production, in thousands of bales, by principal states are: Virginia, 59 and 50. North Carolina 71 and 885. South Carolina, 57 and 703 Georgia, 42 and 827. Florida, 30 and 17. Alabama, 52 and 828. Mississippi, 46 and 858. Louisiana, 53 and 361. Texas, 55 and 3,722. Arkansas, 57 and 948. Tennessee, 64 and 415. Missouri, 67 and 193. Oklahoma, 46 and 791. California, 88 and 43. Arizona, 90 and 33. New Mexico, 88 and 59.

Dog That Bit Beatty Pronounced As Rabid

Shelby, Aug. 31.—That the dog which bit Robert Beatty at Waco, near here, Sunday and which was killed by Beatty, who used a pocket-knife was definitely established when a telegram was received by a Shelby physician from the state laboratory with the information that the dog was suffering with rabies. Beatty has already started taking the anti-rabies serum, which includes 21 hypodermics, one to be taken each day for 21 days. Beatty will possibly receive from the county actual expense incident to taking the treatment. Yates Spurfin, whose dog was bitten by the mad animal, and later killed, will ask to be paid the value of his dog.

OFFERS HUSBAND TO HIGH BIDDER

Wife Takes This Means Of Finding Employment To Avert Starvation

Haverhill, Mass., August 30.—After several weeks of unemployment and with want staring the family in the face, Mrs. Annie Stella O'Coin decided to advertise her husband, Ardella, 50, for sale to the highest bidder. She declared that all that stood between her and starvation was the possible purchase price of her husband, sold into bondage. He offered no objection.

Last night Mrs. O'Coin said: "The days of slavery are over, but the days of the industrial slave who has to find a market for himself will never be over."

"This particular slave of industry is without a master at the present time and unless he finds one who wants to buy a good honest slave, he may be cold and hungry before the long New England winter is over."

"This slave without a master is willing to work at anything a man of middle age is able to do. He is intelligent and he is above reproach. If anybody wants a slave of this type, it is a chance to obtain a bargain."

Will Ask Dunn To Change Sewer Line

The following from the report of a Cumberland county grand jury submitted to Judge N. A. Sinclair last Friday will be of interest to citizens of Dunn:

"Having had quite a lot of complaint in regard to Rhodas mill pond we hereby call attention to the Board of Health of Cumberland county of the condition of the same. We understand that the sewerage from Dunn is emptied into this stream a few miles above the dam, and that the odor in this section in dry weather is unbearable.

"A physician of prominence states that this pond in the condition it is

in is a health hazard to the community. We would suggest that the Board of Health take up the matter with the board of Harsett county and see if their line of sewer can be changed so as to empty into the Cape Fear river instead of Black river."

Tobacco Curing Barn Burns Near Kinston

Kinston, Aug. 31.—A curing barn fire on the farm of James Cox, a Jones county tobacco grower, was reported here today. The blaze was similar to more than a score occurring in this part of the tobacco belt since the latter part of June. The loss is estimated to have been several hundred dollars, including the barn and contents. Dried tobacco falling from the ceiling onto the curing flue is believed to have become ignited, the flames spreading to the walls or tobacco hanging about the furnace.

Unable To Get Work Woman Takes Poison

Salisbury, Aug. 31.—Going to a number of places hunting work and finding none Mrs. Alma Gertrude Efrid, 26 years old, took a bouquet of flowers to the grave of her husband then went to her home on Chestnut Hill and took bichloride of mercury tablets, dying from the effect of this poison at 11 o'clock last night. Three small children were left with Mrs. Efrid when her husband, Daniel E. Efrid, died last March. She has kept them with her but the dread fear that she would not be able to provide for them, and they they would be taken from her, caused her great anxiety. Returning from her vain search for work yesterday afternoon Mrs. Efrid pulverized eight of 10 tablets of bichloride in water and swallowed them.

RECORDER'S COURT

At an early morning session of the local recorder's court yesterday the following cases were disposed of:
R. C. Wright, transporting; fined \$50 and cost.
J. P. Pureley, carrying concealed weapons; fined \$50 and cost.
Stately Johnson and Robt. Smith, negroes, drunk and disorderly; fined \$25 each and cost.

Now is the time when good farmers are getting their exhibits ready for the county fair.

JOHNSTON HONORS HEROES OF WARS

Memorial Fountain To Be Received Tomorrow Special Thanksgiving Service

Smithfield, Sept. 1.—Johnston county's special Thanksgiving service will be held Monday, September 3, and on the same occasion there will be presented the beautiful memorial fountain donated to Johnston county by William Marsh Sanders, representative from Johnston in the last Legislature, in memory of Johnston county men who lost their lives in the World War. The principal address will be delivered by Dr. Herman H. Horne, of New York University, a veteran of Johnston. Albert Coates will present the fountain, D. B. Oliver, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, will probably receive the fountain on behalf of the county; Ernest Parker of Enfield, on the part of the World War veterans and a speaker to be selected on the part of the people of Smithfield.

The inscription on the fountain is as follows on the front facing the court house:

In Memory of
Lieut. Edwin Smith, Sanders, Va.,
Killed at Drewry's Bluff, Va.,
May 16, 1862.
Walter R. Moore,
Killed at Farmington, Va.,
April 8, 1862.
Ensign Edwin Smith, France,
Killed at Le Touquet, France,
October 28, 1918.
In honor of all those from
Johnston county
Who participated in the World War.
On the outer side facing the street is the following inscription:
He prayeth well
Who loveth well
Both men and bird
And beast.
The Thanksgiving service will be the second held in the county.

inaugurated the special Thanksgiving service because of the good crops in Johnston when the crop had failed in many other sections of the State. It was again suggested by Mr. Horne in a letter to W. H. Austin, a non-lawyer of the late Judge Stevens, that a like service be held this year. A meeting was called and Judge F. J. Brooks appointed to preside at the service.

MUST RETURN TO HOME IN BELGIUM

Women Who Came To Wilmington on Steamer Not Allowed to Land

Wilmington, Aug. 30.—Destined to return to Antwerp without having had an opportunity to join their husbands, who are in this country, Mrs. Maria Limmins and Mme. Victoria Henicks Vandactans, detained Belgian immigrants, will leave this port tomorrow aboard the freighter Nervier which brought them here a week ago.

With the women are the two daughters of the former. Captain Remy, master of the freighter, before receiving his clearance papers was assessed a fine of \$800 by J. N. Hightower, immigrant agent for irregularity in bringing the passengers here. He also was served with an order which requires that the ship owners refund sums of \$168 to each passenger, the amount of fare across and provide first class passage for their return to Antwerp.

The quartet was not permitted to enter this port on arrival because the immigration quota from Belgium was exhausted.

The husbands of the two women are said to be in Hoboken, N. J., but immigration officials say they have no trace of them. The women sold all their belongings before leaving Antwerp. They appealed to Washington for admittance but were refused. The Nervier will sail tomorrow for Baltimore to take on a cargo for a European port.

Brunswick county women continue to take in about \$75 in each cash Saturday at the Women's Exchange Market in Wilmington, reports the home agent.

If you win at the fair, don't crow; if you lose, don't groan. Find out why you did either. The judges will explain.

\$20,000 FIRE IN STEDMAN FRIDAY

Early Morning Fire Wipes Out Plant Of Lange, Crist Lumber Co.

Fire broke out in Stedman about 2 o'clock Friday morning and caused damage to the amount of \$20,000, when the plant of the Lange-Crist Co. was burned. Everything on the premises was consumed except the boiler room and office building. There was a pile of lumber—500,000 feet—on the yard, and 200,000 feet of that was burned. The mill was owned by a company of the same firm name in Clarksville, W. Va. The amount of insurance, if any, could not be ascertained.

An effort to get in communication by phone, with the Fayetteville Fire Department, was made, but Stedman could not get central. So a man rode up to the city in an automobile, reaching here about 4 o'clock, and asked for help.

A detachment of the Fire Department rushed to Stedman with the LaFrance truck. They threw some water from the tank of an A. C. L. engine, standing on a track near the fire. But little real work was needed, as the flames were under control when the firemen reached there.—Fayetteville Observer.

Miss Harris Goes To Pensacola, Fla.

Miss Agnes Harris, who had served for a year as public health nurse in Dunn, left Friday afternoon for her home in Henderson. She will go this week to Pensacola, Fla., where she will engage in like work at the government naval station.

As has been stated in The Dispatch, Miss Harris was employed for one year to do public health work in and around Dunn. One-half the expense of the work was borne by the local Red Cross chapter and the other by the State.

Officers of the Red Cross chapter and the town commissioners a few weeks ago it was decided to discontinue the work here for the present.

Camp Meeting Visitors Pay Dollar For A Smoke

Newton, Aug. 30.—It cost many camp meeting visitors a dollar a smoke at Hall's Creek last Sunday. There was a big squad of policemen on the lookout and every man or boy soon smoking within the square made by the first row of tents was taxed one dollar. The ordinance levying the tax was announced from the pulpit at every sermon. But most of the smokers walked right in before hearing the announcements. The price was the same for a cigarette, a cheroot, or a ten cent cigar. Most of the smokers handed over the dollar and took the gyping of bystanders good naturedly. But one man got pulled for an additional fine for currying the policeman.

Wood Hurls No-Hit Game Against 2d. F. A.

Fayetteville, Aug. 30.—Hurling no hit, no run ball, pitcher Wood of Chalybeate Springs turned in a 2 to 0 win over the Second Field Artillery team of Fort Bragg here today. In addition to not allowing a single hit Wood fanned twenty-two Field Artillery batters. Seven of them whiffed in succession. Only two men reached first, one on an error and the other on a pass.

Score by innings: R. H. E.
2nd Field. .000 000 000—0 0 1
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Wood and Senter; Sterling and Barden.

MANY CITIES AND TOWNS REPORTED DESTROYED

Peking, Sept. 2.—All cities and towns between Tokio and Osaka were destroyed by the earthquake, says a message picked up by the new Mitsui wireless station here. The message came from north Japan. The streets of Tokio are said to be heaped with the bodies of dead. Fire is raging from one end of the city to the other. The casualties are declared to be inestimable. Most of the big buildings of the capital were destroyed. The dispatch added that Yokohama suffered tremendously from the earthquake, while the tidal wave which followed it added to the terror of the populace, who fled toward the interior. Central Japan is entirely without means of communication.

MRS. HIGHSMITH RETURNS TO N. C.

Former Dunn Citizen Will Direct Publicity For State Sanatorium

The announcement that Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith is to have charge of the publicity work for the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association is of special interest to the people of Dunn, owing to the fact that Mrs. Highsmith formerly lived here. She made her home here for a number of years and is pleasantly remembered by many Dunn citizens. Before her marriage she was Miss Kate Harrington.

Mrs. Highsmith is a trained newspaper woman. She is a graduate of Trinity college and studied journalism at the Pulitzer School of Journalism, Columbia university, New York city. She is well known to the newspaper fraternity of North Carolina through her services for a number of years as publicity director for the State Board of Health, and during the war as director of publicity for the State War Savings campaign. Immediately after the war Mrs. Highsmith was employed by the United States Treasury Department as director of War Saving Societies of the Fifth Federal Reserve District, with headquarters at Richmond. Following this work she was made publicity director for the Maryland Social Hygiene society at Baltimore, but after serving only six months, she was taken over by Dr. W. F. Snow, of New York city, as publicity director for the American Social Hygiene association.

Dr. McBrayer and the State agencies for fighting tuberculosis feel that they are fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Highsmith, particularly at this time when a more extensive campaign for fighting tuberculosis is to be undertaken.

HUNDRED THOUSAND PERISH IN JAPAN

Empire A Land Of The Dead As Result Of An Earthquake

Shanghai, China, Sept. 2.—One hundred thousand persons have perished in Tokio and Yokohama alone, according to bulletins received here from Japan.

In Tokio the arsenal exploded, destroying the arsenal and the adjoining printing bureau. There were several thousand casualties here.

Thousands Suffering
In the Nihonbashi and Kanda wards, in which scarcely a single structure is left standing, thousands lack water and food.

The Kaijo building in the Marunouchi district collapsed with a thousand casualties.

The left buildings lining the streets opposite the Tokio Central railway station were burned. The main building of the Central railroad station remains intact.

Fire At Yokohama
At Yokohama the fire started in the Bund and spread through Benten and Isaki streets, wiping out the business district.

Tens of thousands of visitors, many of them foreigners, are in the mountain resorts of the Hakone district. They were panic-stricken by the repeated quakes. Mount Hakone and the town of Atama were demolished, with the loss of six or seven thousand dead.

At Ito, on the Itozu peninsula, more than 500 houses were washed away by tidal waves.

Tunnel Collapsed
Six hundred persons perished when the railway tunnel at Saake, the largest in Japan, collapsed.

The Nichi Nichi was the only newspaper in Tokio to escape destruction. The Japanese community here is grief-stricken.

The most serious damage was done to the tract covering the Yamanote district including the Tokio wards of Honjo, Fagagawa, Akusaka, Shitaya, Nihonbashi and Kanda, where hardly a single structure was left standing. The British light cruiser Despatch, the foreign war vessel at Shanghai, sailed at 4 o'clock this morning for Yokohama, expecting to arrive in eighteen hours.

A liberal supply of kitchen aprons made of good material and easily laundered are of value to the housewife. They soon pay for themselves in protection to dresses, say home demonstration workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

LEGION APPROVES RUHR OCCUPATION

Owley Makes Address In Paris; Made Commander Of Legion Of Honor

Paris, Aug. 21.—The official reception for the American Legion delegation by Marcel Herault, wounded veteran of Verdun, who is vice-president of the city council, supplied an occasion today for the most outspoken remarks made by Colonel Alvin Owley, National Commander of the American Legion, since he came to France with a delegation of Legionnaires to attend the conference of the Inter-Allied Veterans at Brussels next month.

A short time before Colonel Owley made his brief response to M. Herault he was notified that he had been appointed a commander of the Legion of Honor and that the decoration officially will be conferred upon him by General Gogoutte, the French commander of occupied Germany, at Dusseldorf on Thursday in military fashion.

"The American Legion, whose National Commander I have the honor to be and for whom it is my distinction to speak, representing four million or more soldiers," said the Legion Chief in reply to the welcome from M. Herault, "is the one great residing American organization that stands with and approves the action of France and Belgium."

"We believe France is right in occupying the Ruhr that it may obtain payment of its debt long since overdue. I have come to France at this particular time to get first hand information concerning your situation peculiarly about that vexing problem—the occupation of the Ruhr."

"We have faith in the expression uttered so lately by your distinguished Premier, M. Poincare," continued Colonel Owley, "that France does not desire to occupy any territory belonging to other people except to obtain reparation from our present enemies."

Germany actually fulfill their undertakings on reparations, the armies of France will be removed from Germany.

"I should not be true to you or to myself if I did not speak plainly and frankly. Of you French we ask that no thought of territorial aggrandizement be in your mind but we would not desire that France be left defenseless before those who would seek to invade her again. But you must sustain your friends in the United States by giving your enemies no opportunity to question your motives."

The vice president of the city council welcomed the delegation. The reception was the last official function for the delegation in France.

Colonel Owley's rise to the Legion of Honor is one of the most rapid in memory, as he was nominated immediately to be commander without having passed through the lower grades of knight and officer.

Another Mistrial In Garrett Case

Cumberland Courthouse, Va., Sept. 1.—A mistrial was declared today in the case of R. O. Garrett, after the jury had failed to agree and expressed the belief no agreement was possible.

Garrett, county clerk, was charged with the murder of Rev. E. H. Pierce, Baptist minister last June 5. The jury composed of Amherst county men had deliberated three hours and one minute. The date for a new trial will be fixed September 25.

It was said the jury stood nine for a manslaughter verdict and three for acquittal. As a formality in declaring the mistrial, Judge White directed Javor H. C. Watts to stand aside and the others then likewise were dismissed.

Judge White stated R. O. Garrett would continue under \$25,000 bond and did not order him arrested. L. C. Garrett's case, which ended in a mistrial last July, also is set for trial at the term beginning September 25. Whether Mr. Pierce was too dazed to know what he was doing when he came out of his house with the shotgun and revolver was the main point of disagreement according to the discharged jurors.

Limestone plants are taxed each year to take care of September orders. Farmers who are improving their lands by growing limestone should give their orders for limestone as early as possible.