

ONE OF MARTIN MOB DEFENDANTS REPORTED DYING

Center Street Tracks Must Go, Declares Chairman Kenneth Royall

KU KLUX KLAN IS MENTIONED IN TESTIMONY

Gerkins, First State Witness, Says He Was Sent After The Two Sparrows

TOLD HE WAS KLANSMAN Joseph Needleman, Victim of Mob, Is Expected To Take The Stand Today

WILLIAMSTON, May 6. (SP)—Tom Lilly, one of those indicted as an accessory in connection with the mutilation of Joseph Needleman, and who shot himself through the forehead with a .32 rifle was reported by his attending physician to be in a dying condition tonight. The physician said he did not believe Lilly would live until morning.

In the meantime, F. W. Sparrow, Jr., who showed symptoms of diphtheria last night, was reported improved today. Judge Sinclair was informed that the prisoner did not have diphtheria, but a severe case of tonsillitis. His case, however, was continued for the time being.

Examination and cross-examination of John Gerkins for a period of two hours and twenty-eight minutes, expert testimony by Dr. D. T. Taylor of Washington, and the formal tendering by the state of Dr. E. G. Taylor, also of Washington, who will testify tomorrow, featured the opening of the trial of the alleged mutilators of Joseph Needleman here this afternoon.

Needleman To Testify The state announced that it would not ask a verdict of guilty to C. E. Stone, Roy Gray and John Gerkins. This leaves F. D. Ennis Griffin, Julian Bullock, Clara Heath and F. W. Sparrow, the defendants in the proceedings now in progress. Stone, Gerkins and Gray having pleaded guilty to being accessories. They were also charged with the crime of mutilation, but that will not be pressed.

Interest tomorrow will center around the testimony of Joseph Needleman. It was announced by Lindsey Warren of Washington, who is aiding in the prosecution of the alleged mutilators, that Needleman would be brought over from Washington and placed on the stand at the morning session of the court.

Dr. Taylor's testimony was offered to corroborate that given by Needleman, with the understanding that should Needleman not be put on, it would be ruled out.

A crowd estimated to be the largest that had ever assembled in the Martin county court house was present throughout this afternoon.

Testimony of Gerkins John Gerkins, the state's first witness, told in detail of his part in the alleged mob, a part of which he said, mutilated Needleman. He described the operation and the incidents leading up to and following it. He said he went to Kinston and notified the Sparrows of the intended attack on the jail at the request of H. D. Griffin, who was more often referred to as Dennis Griffin and Henry Griffin. He said that Griffin told him he understood Sparrow was a Ku Klux and asked him to go down there and tell him to come and bring as many as he could. They were going to do something to Needleman. The witness maintained that he tried to dissuade the crowd from going further, but said that somebody remarked "if anybody left the road they would be killed. He said he was not taking any chances like that.

He testified that the mob went to the home of the sheriff and demanded the jail keys. That the sheriff told them to go on away, and that the crowd then broke into the jail, and took Needleman out, and carried him to a point near Skewaree church, where the alleged operation was performed.

DEFENDANTS ON TRIAL WILLIAMSTON, May 6. (SP)—Seven

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Not Guilty

NORFOLK, May 6.—Commander Douglas W. Fuller was acquitted today by a naval court martial of charges of negligence in connection with the presence on board the transport Beaufort, which he commanded, of more than 500 quarts of assorted liquors. The honor was seized February 24 in a raid on the ship just after she had docked here from West Indian ports.

ROSE HILL IS NOW RULED BY WOMEN

"Masculinity" Gives Away To "Femininity" In Duplin County Town

ROSE HILL, May 6.—The women of this place fought a ballot battle here yesterday, defeating the male nominees for the mayoralty and aldermanic offices.

The women made up a ballot, provided scratch pads for ballots, and landed the town election. A woman mayor and a board of "alderwomen" will rule here for the next two years.

"Masculinity is giving way to femininity" is the slogan, and eager eyes are now being turned to the new officers. What their policies will be, is the subject of much speculation. "Will women police supplant the male policeman?" is another matter for speculation that has been created by the independent female victory.

TRAIN WRECK IN RICHMOND

Four Coaches On C. & O. Derailed, But None Of Passengers Injured

RICHMOND, May 6.—Four coaches were derailed and the engine turned completely over on its side when Chesapeake & Ohio fast train No. 4, from Louisville to Cincinnati, ran into a faulty switch in Highland Park, just as it was entering Richmond shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon. No one was hurt.

Suspicion that the switch had been "tampered" with caused officials of the road to institute a probe, they announced tonight.

Engineer Gelfinoff was in the cab at the time his big engine left the rail and plunged headlong to the side of the track, but escaped injury. Following the engine, two coaches, a baggage car and a diner left the rail but remained upright.

England Has Shortage Of Marriageable Men

COWES, England, May 6.—Many thousands of English girls wish to marry, but because of the shortage of men have not been able to fulfill their desire, declared Dr. A. T. Schofield, a well known London nerve specialist, lecturing in Cowes recently on the question of marriage. "There is no other place in the world where such a state of things exists," he said.

Continuing Dr. Schofield asserted: "It is unfortunate to find in a family in London for instance, five or six girls, every one of whom would make a splendid wife and mother, unable to marry for the want of legitimate opportunity."

F. Wood, Georgia Tech Coach, Ends His Life

ATLANTA, Ga., May 6.—A verdict of suicide was returned by the coroner's jury investigating the death of Fay F. Wood, football line coach at Georgia Tech, whose body was found at his home here today. It was announced that burial will be at Syracuse, N. Y.

WAYNE COUNTY ALMOST DRY, SAYS SHERIFF

His Deputies Are Unable to Find Any Trace of the Manufacture of Home

SEVEN SPRINGS IS EMPTY

That Section, Famous For Its Home Activities, Appears To Have Quit Traffic

There is some liquor being made, of course, but when little traffic in the forbidden spirits that is going on is unknown to Sheriff Grant and his deputies. For the first time in the history of prohibition they are not getting any tips from the people as to the location of stills, and reports visits to the liquor making sections, particularly Seven Springs, reveal nothing, not even beer.

"Of course there is some liquor being made," Sheriff Grant said yesterday, "but our inability to find any traces of the manufacture for the first time since I have been Sheriff convinces me that Wayne county is nearer to being dry than ever before. My deputies scour the country, especially around Seven Springs, where heretofore the bulk of the liquor has been made, but are unable to find either a still operator or beer."

Sheriff Grant admitted the planting season might have a great deal to do with the alleged secrecy of booze. Hot weather, too, tends to curtail the demand for the intoxicating goods, and the unusual activity of the officers during the first three months of the year, threw a scare into many of the operators.

"The traffic will probably start up again on a large scale next fall," continued the sheriff, "but I have no fears about keeping moonshining down to a minimum during the summer months. There is some liquor being made. Some people will probably continue to make it as long as they live, but never in my life have I seen the time when it was so scarce."

Declines to Involve Kingdon Gould in Suit

NEW YORK, May 6.—Supreme Court Justice DeLoach this afternoon handed down an opinion denying a motion to make Kingdon Gould and Schuyler Nelson, Rice, executives under the will of the late George J. Gould, parties defendant in the \$200,000,000 suit brought by George Tracy Rogers against George Gould and other directors of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company. The suit was based on allegations that stockholders directed \$200,000,000 losses in the directors' handling of the railroad company's affairs. The suit was directed against the late George J. Gould, as a person, and was the second action seeking to impound the executors in his stead as defendants in the action.

FIRE IN KOREA

TOKYO, May 6.—According to advices received here from Seoul, Korea, a devastating fire started near Kankyu, Hokkido Province, today, sweeping through numerous villages and leaving thousands of persons homeless.

Virginia Shippers Seeking "Relief"

RICHMOND, Va., May 6.—The Virginia state corporation commission is not asking the interstate commerce commission to increase the freight rates now obtaining within the state of North Carolina, but is seeking to have interstate rates between the two states adjusted so as not to be on a higher level. This was brought out yesterday at the hearing before Examiner Carter, here by Mason Langham, counsel to the

Gets 2 More



ST. LOUIS, May 6.—Ty Cobb, veteran Detroit Tiger playing manager, got two home runs in today's game with the St. Louis Browns, which made his fifth in two days. The first home today came in the fifth inning off Danforth and the second in the sixth off Faulk. One man was on the first time and two men on the second.

MRS. SHEPHERD GIVES SELF UP

Accused An Accessory To Mr. Clinch Murder, She Is Held On Own Recognizance

CHICAGO, May 6.—Mrs. Julia Shepherd, recommended bail as an accessory to murder in the death of William Nelson McClintock, millionaire orphan and his mother, Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock, was surrendered tonight by her attorneys, at the criminal court building, her counsel expected to ask bond immediately. Mrs. Shepherd was released on her recognizance until 10 o'clock Friday morning when Judge Jacob Hopkins, chief justice of the criminal court, granted a state of minimum until that time on the representation of Mrs. Shepherd's attorney, that \$5,000 bond will be posted then. Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, did not oppose the move to obtain bond.

Bill that Would Stop Cats Fighting Vetoed

MADISON, Wis., May 6.—As far as Gov. John J. Blaine is concerned the tom cats of Wisconsin may continue to air their nightly grievances on the back fences. Barnyard posterns can continue regular battles for supremacy without getting his owner arrested. Gov. Blaine gave this as his sentiment tonight when he vetoed a bill passed to prohibit rofocin in the state and which provided penalties for anyone permitting birds or animals to fight. Gov. Blaine says the backers of the bill must be unfamiliar with the barnyard. He referred in his veto message to the midnight cat and declared the owner could be fined unless he left his pet to stop its quarreling.

Vaccinations and vacations don't always take.

'DRY ARMADA' HAS RUM FLEET BOTTLED UP

While Cruisers Work At Sea, Inland Forces Tighten Up Their Lines

WAR OF EXTERMINATION

Several New Developments Tend To Make Rum-Running Dangerous Proposition

NEW YORK, May 6.—Naval warfare against rum smugglers, with the government's dry fleet blockading the coast from Boston to Atlantic City, today inspired the country's land enemies of bootleggers to redouble their efforts. As more than 60 coast guard boats, manned by 40 men and assisted by 13 airplanes, patrolled the sea, the forces ashore dug a legal weapon which prohibition officials asserted probably would prove as deadly as the fleet's warfare. This was the discovery of a provision in the tariff law of 1922 providing that compensation be given informers who assist the government in the arrest and conviction of violators of the prohibition law.

War On "Spook-Keeper" While this is the most important development of the rum war ashore, it is not the only one. United States District Attorney Buckner announced that he had joined forces with H. G. Merrick, prohibition director for northern New York and New Jersey in a war of extermination on inland speakeasies.

The postlock, court, newly opened by Federal Judge John Knox, is to act against places charged with prohibition violations in all counties comprising Mr. Buckner's district. Coast guards at sea reported extraordinary success since the imposition of their blockade yesterday. Some sixty boats now are a virtual blockade. With every ship in rum row fairly ringed around with the boats of the law, it is virtually impossible, say the dry seamen, for the stouter shore boats to go in or from the floating storehouses of contraband liquor.

BIG NAVY PATROLS SEA

NEW YORK, May 6.—44 heavily armed coast guard boats with 13 sea planes as auxiliary, the greatest dry matter in history, patrolled the section of the Atlantic Coast today. It is the second of the wars against the rum row. 18 more craft stemmed out of CHERON Bay Coast Guard base today to join the 21 that opened the offensive yesterday. A fleet of 25 crafts came down from New England and joined the New York fleet. Operations of the entire fleet are being directed by means of code wireless messages from Washington to the Coast Guard Cutter Majave, which by reason of her size and speedy powerful engines and crew of 70 men, has been made flag ship of the matter.

In addition a dozen more boats are being held in reserve for emergency or relief use, while 22 others are ready to take to seas from Atlantic City on a moment's notice.

Perhaps this rat race war among New York taxi drivers might be called a 10,000 meter race.

Evolution

NEW YORK, May 6.—The American civic liberties union from its headquarters here announced that since it anticipated a conviction in the trial of J. T. Scott, teacher of Dayton, Tenn., charged with violation of the state law forbidding the teaching of evolution in public schools, it was making arrangements to carry the case, if Supreme court is necessary, to the United States. The union, it was said, was interested in the case as a test of what it considers a restrictive law and its agents were in consultation with Mr. Scott and his attorneys.

EIGHT DEAD IN AN EXPLOSION

Fast in Swissvale Also Causes Property Damage Of Nearly \$500,000

PITTSBURGH, May 6.—The bodies of eight persons who were killed in an explosion in Swissvale, a suburb of this morning were identified today at the county morgue by Albert J. Jersbacher. All were his relatives. The bodies were terribly burned and "identifiable in some instances were possible only by teeth fillings, rings or bits of clothing. Investigation of the cause of the explosion, which resulted in property damage estimated at \$400,000 to \$500,000, was started before the last hour had been removed from the ruins. Four buildings were destroyed and others nearby damaged.

Mexico Warns Soviet Against Propaganda

MEXICO CITY, May 6.—Mexico will not allow any country with which she maintains diplomatic relations to use this friendship as an instrument in carrying out political combinations or to propagate doctrines and principles which Mexico herself does not sustain. President Calles declared yesterday in connection with a recent speech by the soviet foreign minister, M. Tchitcherin, at Moscow. M. Tchitcherin is reported to have declared that the recognition of the soviet government by Mexico was an excellent political foundation for the development of the Russian policies in America.

Train to Stop Nightly So Prince May Sleep

CAPE TOWN, May 6.—The Prince of Wales intends to get plenty of sleep during his trip through South Africa. The program for the next few days provides that his special train shall halt for 12 hours each night in order that he may sleep undisturbed. Today the prince visited Worcester, an agricultural and business town, about 60 miles from Cape Town. A fully equipped and manned military command met his train and escorted him to various ceremonies. Crowds lined the streets and cheered him everywhere. The prince rode in the mayor's carriage, drawn by horses decorated with catch plumes.

Sound Money Helps Marriage in Germany

BERLIN, May 6.—The stabilization of money in Germany has caused an inflation of love. The number of marriages has steadily increased since the renunciation of the firm basis in 1924, and is rapidly approaching prewar figures. Prices of furniture are higher than before the war, but since young couples today know their money has a stable value they are willing to take the plunge into matrimony which looked too uncertain when their paper money was dropping every hour.

ALL NEEDED IS CO-OPERATION CITY FATHERS

Tracks Would Have Been Removed Two Years Ago, Says Mr. Royall, Chief Alderman

AGITATION STILL ALIVE

Chairman of Commission Considers It Trying to Bring About An Amicable Adjustment

With the right sort of co-operation from the members of the board of aldermen, the Center street railroads are going to be removed, that is the promise of Kenneth C. Royall, chairman of the special committee appointed by the chamber of commerce to consider the question from all angles and report back at a future meeting of the anti-railroad committee of the organization.

"The tracks would have been removed two years ago," declared Royall, "if the aldermen had been disposed to cooperate with a special committee, of which I was a member. We had a certain proposition from the railroad men which they would consider if we would give down the rails for a period of the city, but the city fathers refused to do so."

The chamber of commerce committee has been holding a series of conferences with anti-railroad agitators with what object is uncertain, the chief agitator in the street, who has been making a habit of coming down the rails, in the effort to convince them of the necessity of their removal. So far, it is understood, these conferences have not been successful, but further meetings are planned in the hope of not only securing their removal, but their removal of the tracks, but their removal is the primary object.

The Atlantic Coast Line, it is understood, is willing to deal with the night of way over the city for a reasonable consideration, or in exchange for yard space on the outside of the city, provided the Southern Railway will cancel its lease with it which calls for the use of one of its tracks during a certain period, said to have many years yet to run. The Coast Line has shown a readiness to cooperate with the chamber of commerce committee, but previous efforts to secure an agreement from the Southern are said to have been an utter failure. Letters on the subject, it has been stated, did not even elicit a reply. Consequently, inasmuch as the railroad men are more trouble from the Southern than the Coast Line.

Not all of the wheelbarrows which carry their cars for shipments brought to their doors over apex tracks leading from Center street are opposed to their removal. L. A. Boney, one of the leading wholesale dealers, and a member of the chamber of commerce committee, is said to be strongly in favor of removing the tracks.

But the tracks are going, if it is humanly possible to remove them, says Mr. Royall. He is in favor of an amicable agreement between all concerned, but failing in an effort to bring this about, he believes the committee would be justified in resorting to more extreme measures.

Mr. Royall, of course, was speaking for himself. He feels very strongly on the subject, and while they have made no public statement on the matter, it is believed most of the other members of the committee share his views.

NEW YORK COFFEE

NEW YORK, May 6.—Spot coffee quiet. Middling 23.25. Cotton futures closed easy. May 23.25, July 23.25, Oct. 22.50, Dec. 22.15, Jan. 22.00. Being lucky is often a sign of bad luck.