

THE WEATHER

Fair and colder in central portion and west portion Saturday; Sunday fair, slowly rising temperature, fresh north and northwest winds.

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SINGLETON CONVICTED OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Big Railway Consolidation Made Public Yesterday

Slayer Of Pikeville Man Sentenced To 30 Years In Penitentiary

Case Given to Jury at 1:30 Yesterday Afternoon; Verdict Rendered at 5:30

DEFENDANT CALM

Singleton Receives Verdict and Sentence Stolidly, Although Wife Weeps

Found guilty late yesterday afternoon of second degree murder in connection with the slaying of Atlas Durham, garage and store owner, of Pikeville, Joe Singleton, 60 year old white man, was sentenced by Judge N. A. Sinclair, presiding over the January term of Wayne county superior court, to thirty years at hard labor in the State Prison at Raleigh. Sheriff W. D. Grant stated last night that he would probably carry the condemned man to the penitentiary next Monday.

The case was given to the jury at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, following addresses by Solicitor Clawson N. Williams for the State, and J. Faison, Thomson, chief counsel for the defense. Both attorneys spoke for more than an hour, impressing upon the jurors what he considered the vital facts in connection with the trial, according to the evidence submitted. Singleton was bitterly denounced by the Solicitor, who recounted to the jury what he considered flaws in the defense contentions. Mr. Thomson's summing up was done in a masterful manner, the attorney using every legitimate device possible in the attempt to free his client.

Judge Sinclair's charge to the jury (Continued on Page Four)

PETITION FOR CLOTURE IS CIRCULATED

Forty-Eight Senators Sign Request for Time Limit on World Court Debates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The long threatened move for cloture on the World Court was made tonight in the Senate. It was followed by bitter debate of an hour, with signs at the end that some sort of an unanimous consent agreement to limit debate without resort to cloture might yet be reached.

Bearing the signature of 48 Senators—24 from each side of the aisle—this petition for cloture was presented by Senator Lefflow, Republican of Wisconsin, leader of the pro-court forces. Under the rules, it must lay over for one calendar day, so in no event can a vote on it be had until next Monday.

Administration leaders declared they could master at least 72 votes for cloture, which upon its adoption would halt each Senator to one hour in the court debate. This number is more than the necessary two-thirds majority to invoke the limitation rule.

The petition was presented after an effort to bring about an unanimous consent agreement to limit debate to thirty minutes for each Senator on each reservation, beginning February 10, had been blocked by Senator Cole Blaise, democrat of South Carolina.

Winding up the eight hours of debate, which made up the Senate's hectic day, however, Senator Blaise said tonight that, after conference with some friends, he might consent to an agreement. He added that he had objected today because he had not been consulted, and did not propose to be "driven by a lash."

THREE WOMEN CAPTURE STILL

WALDRON, Ark., Jan. 22. (AP)—Three Scott county women, taking the law in their hands during the absence of most of the men, who were attending court, conducted a raid on a moonshine still, seized it and turned it over to officers. The women decided to take a look over the countryside. They found a large still ready for a run. Unable to turn it over, they punched a hole in it and emptied its contents. Then swinging the boiler over a pole they carried it to town and turned it over to a deputy sheriff.

LOCALS WHIP SMITHFIELD BY 39-20 SCORE

Contest Nip and Tuck Affair in First Half, But Goldsboro Five Wins Out

The Smithfield High School basketball team gave the Goldsboro High quite a scare in the first half of last night's game, which was played before a good-sized crowd in the Memorial Community Building, that period ending with the locals on the long end of a 12-11 score, only one point in advance of the hustling youngsters from Johnston County. However, Coach Mahler's quint became rejuvenated in the final period, and tucked the game away with their other four wins by a score of 39 to 20, completely outplaying in every department of the game the Smithfield lads.

Captain Miller, with six goals, and Howard Simmons, playing right guard with five goals, led in the scoring for the locals, these two players making 22 of their team's 39 points. George Spicer, hard-playing center, also showed much ability during the contest. Uzzle, left forward, was the outstanding player for the visitors, this fast young fellow scoring 9 of the 20 markers chalked up by his little play-mates.

Goldsboro, who has won five of her seven starts this season, losing only to Mount Olive and Wilmington, will play a return game with the fast team from the latter city at 8 o'clock tonight, on the Memorial Building Court, and it is expected that a record-breaking crowd will view the renewal of the feud between the two aggregations. Goldsboro lost to Wilmington last week by the narrow margin of 32 to 29, and the locals are hopeful of winning tonight.

The line-up of last night's game follows: Goldsboro (29) Smithfield (20)

Substitutions: Smithfield—Lawrence for Uzzle, Gillette for Kirkman, A. Gardner for Davis, Davis for Honeycutt, and Honeycutt for A. Gardner; Referee, Crum, N. C. State; Scorer, Young, Smithfield; Timekeeper, Skinner, Smithfield; Time of game, 38 minutes.

Prominent Rubber Official Drops Dead

AKRON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—George M. Stradlerman, president of the Good-year Tire and Rubber Company, dropped dead at his home here at eight o'clock tonight.

LOCAL POST OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS

Colonel Geo. K. Freeman Newly Elected Commander; Enjoyable Barbecue Given

Last night's meeting of Wayne Post No. 11, American Legion, the first of the New Year, which was held in the American Legion quarters in the Memorial Community Building, was featured by the election of officers for 1932, and an excellent barbecue, served after the business of the evening had been taken care of, in the Battery "A" armory, under the supervision of Louis Hummel, Jr. A large number of ex-service men were present, all of whom renewed their memberships in the Post for this year. New Officers Named

The meeting, which was presided over by J. C. Crone, retiring commander, was opened with the Lord's Prayer, repeated in unison by the entire assemblage. Mr. Crone, in calling attention to the fact that the meeting was called primarily for the purpose of electing new officers, appointed a nominating committee, composed of Z. C. Hollowell, Archie L. Warrick and Warren E. Winslow, requesting these gentlemen to retire to make their selections. Upon their return, their recommendations, which followed were unanimously approved: Commander, Colonel George K. Freeman; Vice-Commander, Hugh Dortch; Adjutant, Paul B. Edmondson, re-elected. The selection of a chaplain to succeed Dr. Zeno Wall, former pastor of the First Baptist church, was left to the executive committee. Dr. C. F. Strossider, Hugh Dortch, and E. J. Boyd were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions of respect in memory of the late Dr. W. H. House, a member of Wayne Post during his entire residence in Goldsboro.

Colonel Freeman made a brief but graceful speech of acceptance, declaring that he felt highly honored by his selection as Commander, a position he has occupied before, and that he would devote his best efforts in aiding to enlarge and increase the effectiveness of the organization in Goldsboro.

Mr. Crone told his hearers that he had recently met Clarence Roberts, a veteran of the World War and former resident of Goldsboro, while in Rockingham and that Mr. Roberts told him he had a number of interesting souvenirs of the war, including a machine gun, gas masks, helmets, rare maps, etc., which he would like to loan the Post to be exhibited in its quarters, provided provision was made for the proper care of the heirlooms. The executive committee was authorized to communicate further with Mr. Roberts.

After Dr. Strossider had reminded those present that any adjustments of government insurance must be made before July, Mr. Crone suggested the appointment of someone to assume full responsibility for the proper attention to disabled ex-service men within the jurisdiction of the local post. His suggestion was approved by Colonel Freeman, who urged the election of a service officer, which was left to the executive committee.

Following the carrying of a motion by Z. G. Hollowell that the Post hereafter hold regular meetings on the third Thursday night in every month, the business session closed, and everybody journeyed to the armory where a most appetizing "cure" had been prepared. Nick Gwatney, genial policeman, aided in serving the fifty or more folks present, which included Judge N. A. Sinclair, Solicitor Clawson N. Williams, Sheriff W. D. Grant, Deputy Sheriffs Rhodes, Gardner and Thomas, and a number of members of the local bar who were invited guests. An abundance of soft drinks was served with the barbecue, which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. J. C. Crone and Miss Alice Ward were present at the meeting and (Continued on Page Two)

TWO KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 22. (AP)—Two are dead, Rosa Evans and an unidentified woman, as the result of an automobile crash near Boynton at 3 o'clock this morning, and three others are seriously injured. They are John Leonard, Latana motorcycle patrolman; Jack Stuchert and Hazel Atkins of Lakewood. All were brought to West Palm Beach. Evans, the dead man, is a former West Palm Beach motorcycle patrolman.

IMPORTANT MEETING TO BE HELD HERE

Several Congressmen, Frank Page and Large Delegation Expected on January 27

It was authentically learned here last night that a very important meeting of leading citizens of almost every section of eastern North Carolina would probably be held in the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce assembly room at noon, Wednesday, January 27, for the purpose of hearing complaints and petitions from eastern Carolina business interests concerning the proposed Federal highway act now under consideration by the United States Department of Agriculture, which map, in the opinion of residents along state highway No. 46, between Virginia and South Carolina borders, and of route No. 30, between Elizabeth City and Wilmington, does not give eastern North Carolina the proper consideration.

According to the information made public, R. C. Dunn, of Enfield, chairman of State Highway No. 46, would be requested by Louis T. Moore, Secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, acting under instructions agreed upon at an open meeting of that organization held yesterday to call the meeting, and that Frank Page, State Highway Commissioner, and all other members of the Commission, in addition to Congressman Kerr, Abernethy and Warren, would be invited and urged to be present. The latter named gentlemen represent the districts most interested in the questions to be discussed at the meeting, and it is thought they will accept the invitation, unless more important business keeps them in Washington.

TRYON BUSY IN PLANS FOR REBUILDING

Destroyed Portions of Dam Will Be Replaced; Railroad Traffic Resumed

TRYON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Development officials of Lake Lanier, near here, which was partly swept away yesterday by heavy flood waters were already turning today to surveys and plans for rebuilding on what they termed a firmer basis. An engineer of hydraulics has been engaged and work it was announced would begin as soon as possible. Plans for the rebuilding of the sections of the dam destroyed will be followed up by the execution of existing development projects for this locality.

The damage to the south, particularly in the region of the Pacolet River valley of South Carolina was not as serious as was at first feared and the river was reported able to care for the overflow that swept down.

Train schedule of the Southern railway which was derailed over the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio when the Southern trestle was partly destroyed, was expected to get back to normal by tomorrow. Railway traffic through Tryon which was halted yesterday by the (Continued on Page Two)

YOUNG NEGRO GIVES LIFE IN CHAIR FRIDAY

Arthur Montague Electrocut At State Prison for Attack On White Girl

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 22.—Strapped in the electric chair at the State Prison Friday morning, Arthur Montague, young intelligent speaking Georgia negro, admitted that the State of North Carolina was doing the right thing in taking his life for an attack upon a little deaf and dumb white girl in the State School for the Deaf at Morganton.

A moment later, frantically repeating over and over, "Jesus save my soul," he was whisked into sterility as a chill wind seeped in over the sill of the death chamber door and bore away the sickening scent of frying flesh.

Montague was badly burned in the electrocution process. One electrode seared a great welt in his right leg that looked as though it had been branded with a white hot iron and his head was badly scorched by the 2,200 volts of electricity which had been applied through the death helmet.

The prisoner seemed confident of going straight to glory and maintained an iron nerve until after the straps had been fastened over his face. Then his thought turned to his Maker and he called on Him long and earnestly until old man Joe Stone got the signal from Dr. J. H. Norman and pulled the switch.

There was a convulsive leap from the figure in the chair, and it strained against the straps as though it were seeking to escape the high amperage current with which the State of North Carolina was searing soul and body apart as an example to the lecherous-minded that the wrongness of North Carolina is a sacred thing, and that the State stands ready to take life, if need be, to protect it.

For two minutes and twenty seconds the dynamo roared and the current rushed through the negro. The first shock whiffed consciousness but not life, and after water had been poured on the super-heated helmet the sparks flew and the stretch rose for a minute and fifteen seconds more, after which the negro was pronounced dead and carried off in a basket.

Montague, in a short speech after being strapped in the chair, admitted that he was probably guilty, but stated that he felt confident of going to heaven because he committed the crime while drunk and had no recollection of it. He requested those present to pray for soul and to "stay on the right side of God."

"If I had stayed right with God I would not be in this here chair," he stated. He spoke in a matter of fact voice as if repeating something he had learned by heart and showed no trace of nervousness until the mask had been clamped over his face. Rev. G. S. Bullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church, colored, and two ministerial students from Shaw University, comforted the doleful man during his last hours. They were present inside the chain around the chair during the electrocution. There were no relatives of this negro's little victim present, but Hugh Miller, head of the Deaf of the State Department of Labor and Printing, was on hand and announced that he was satisfied with the manner in which the law had been vindicated.

NEW YORK COTTON. NEW YORK, January 22.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady at a net decline of 8 to 12 points; spot cotton quiet, middling 20.85.

St. Louis-Frisco Road Acquires Rock Island Forming Huge System

EFFORT TO END COAL STRIKE FAILS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22. (AP)—Another effort to end the long drawn out coal strike was shattered today. This time, it was the anthracite operators who refused, after the mine workers had consented to go into another conference to consider a plan of settlement as a basis for negotiations. The new plan was offered by the Scranton Times. The invitation of the newspaper to Major W. W. Ingalls, chairman of the operators' negotiating committee, to comment on the proposition brought a response from him was construed by mine-workers and others as favorable to a renewal of negotiations.

NOTED PLANT SCIENTIST IS AN INFIDEL

Luther Burbank, in Statement To Press, Expresses Radical Views on Religion

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22. (AP)—In his own admission, Luther Burbank, famous horticulturist, of Santa Rosa, Calif., is an infidel in the true sense of the word, the San Francisco said in a copyrighted story today. The bulletin quoted Mr. Burbank as saying he does not believe in a personal resurrection, and that science disproves popular theories of reincarnation and life after death.

In the article, Burbank says: "All religions of the past, and probably all of the future will become petrified forms instead of living helps to mankind. As a scientist, I cannot help but feel that all religions are on a tottering foundation. None is perfect or inspired. As for their prophets, there are as many today as ever before, only now science refuses to let them overstep the bounds of common sense."

"The idea that a good God would send people to a burning hell is utterly damnable to me. I don't want to have anything to do with such a God." Touching on reincarnation, the great plant scientist said: "The Universe is not big enough to contain perpetually all the human souls and the other living things that have been here for their short span. A theory of personal resurrection or reincarnation of the individual is untenable when we but pause to consider the magnitude of the idea."

1926 Army-Navy Game in Chicago

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 22. (AP)—Chicago won the service football classic of 1926—the Army-Navy game on November 27.

The contest will dedicate Chicago's World War Memorial Stadium, Soldiers' Field. The Great Lake metropolis has agreed to transport and furnish sustenance and hotel accommodations for the midshipmen regiment and the West Point cadet corps from the time they leave their respective academies until they return. The Army and Navy Athletic Associations received an allotment of 30,000 tickets apiece for their own use, and in effect the revenue from 10,000 more, the gross allotment to both being 30,000 of which number 20,000 are to be purchased by Chicago.

Story comes in of a man in South Carolina partially devoured by his hogs. Turn about is fair play. One bad tooth can do more to rot a man at times than half the civilized world under arms.

Combined Assets of Two Companies Almost Billions; Trackage 12,000 Miles

STATEMENT ISSUED

Official of Purchasing Railway Says Consolidation Will Greatly Aid Participants

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (AP)—Creation of a new Southern Railway system, including the St. Louis-Frisco and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, with combined assets of \$1,750,000,000 and total trackage of more than 12,000 miles, was announced tonight with the announcement that the Frisco had purchased a large stock interest in the Rock Island.

E. N. Brown, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis-Frisco Railway Company, issued a formal statement, after today's meeting, which read: "The St. Louis-Frisco Railway has purchased a substantial amount of stock of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company. It believed this purchase should be of material benefit to both companies."

At the same time, representatives of Nipsey and Company announced that they, together with J. W. Seligman and Company, had sold a large block of Rock Island shares to the Frisco.

Mr. Brown's announcement, which followed approval of the transactions of the Frisco directors, cleared up the mystery regarding the road's consolidation plan which had agitated the financial district all week.

No actual move for a physical consolidation of the properties yet has been taken, the special meeting of the Frisco directors today confining its action to ratification of the Rock Island purchase, which previously had been approved by the executive committee. Plans for a merger or for unified operation of the two roads, (Continued on Page Two)

WINE CELLAR

THIEVES FOUND GUILTY FRIDAY

Two Negroes Convicted of Stealing \$100,000 Worth Rare Wines and Liquors

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (AP)—Boss Haynes, negro bootlegger of Richmond, Va., and Henry Bennett, negro butler, were convicted today of the theft of \$100,000 worth of rare liquors from the wine cellar of Allen Bond, former President of the New York Cotton Exchange. They will be sentenced January 23. Some of the stolen wines and liquors, Mr. Bond testified, were of the vintage of 1820. The theft took place while he was in Europe last summer. Bennett was in the employ of Mr. Bond, and was charged with turning over the liquors to the bootlegger. Bennett was charged with the theft of the liquors in each case.