

WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness with somewhat warmer in east portion Saturday.

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GASTON BOY SOBBINGLY DENIES KILLING FAMILY

Charred Bodies of Man Wife and Three Children Found in Burned Home

Jacob Vanderburg, Sixth Member of Gaston County Family, Is Questioned
WAS FOUND NEAR SCENE WITH GUN IN HIS HANDS
Declares He Awakened To Find Home Burning and His Mother Murdered

GASTONIA, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The charred bodies of J. W. Vanderburg, Gaston county farmer, his wife and three of their children, were prepared for burial here tonight as officers questioned a sixth member of the family, Jacob, 17, suspected of having killed them and set fire to their home early today.

The dead, all of whom were found in the kitchen of the blazing farm house are, J. W. Vanderburg, 65, Mrs. Vanderburg, 45, Pauline 18, a student at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, Louise Vanderburg, 24, and Robert Vanderburg, 12, a student at Gastonia High School.

The boy was arrested shortly before daybreak this morning, when officers attracted to the scene of the fire, found him sitting on the side of the road with a shotgun and a suitcase full of clothes. The bodies of members of his family could be seen in the kitchen but could not be reached until after the fire died down.

Jacob stoutly maintained his innocence tonight and earlier in the day. He told officers he was awakened after midnight by stifling smoke and made his way down stairs to his mother's room. He found his mother's body on the bed, he said, and called for his father. When he received no reply, he said, he grabbed the suitcase near the door and fled from the house.

Gaston county officers, however, declared they believed the Vanderbergs had been murdered as they slept and the house fired in an effort to erase trace of the crime. Jacob was held pending an inquest at 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

At the police station tonight the 17-year-old boy talked freely to officers and newspapermen, losing some of his composure in the face of his persistent questioning he sobbed on his story freely at times, and reluctantly at others.

"I didn't do it, I don't know who did," he repeated over and over again. He explained the presence of the shotgun with the statement he brought it out for protection.

"I thought someone might be prowling around," he said. The boy said he retired shortly after dark after an early supper. He did not know what time he was awakened but said smoke filled his room.

"When I awoke," he told newspapermen, "I knew at once the house was burning. I slid into a pair of overalls and grabbed my shoes which I slung over my shoulder. I grabbed my shotgun and ran downstairs. The smoke and flame were stifling. I crawled into my mother's room and made my way to her bed. I got scared and then yelled for Pa. When I didn't hear any one of them answer, I guessed they were all dead too and I picked up the suitcase I saw by the door and ran out of the house."

Weds Tonight, Men Preaches on Marriage

It remained for Rev. Jauffin Johnson to devise something new in the way of marriage ceremony procedure according to voices from Smithfield. This evening Rev. Mr. Johnson will wed Miss Gays Jenkins at Johnston Memorial church, in Johnston county, the vows having been said, Rev. Mr. Johnson will proceed to delivering sermon on "Marriage," according to announcement the hour for the sermon is 7 o'clock.

PRESIDENT HAS HUNTING LUCK

Hags Two Wild Turkeys and Several Pheasants First Day Out

SAPELO ISLAND, Ga., Dec. 28.—(AP)—President Coolidge's first taste of Georgia hunting proved so much to his liking that today he asked for more.

Accordingly a party was made up to accompany the chief executive up or a second trip to the hunting preserves of his host, Howard E. Coffin, whose island estate is stocked with some 100,000 birds.

Mr. Coolidge was in search of quail on Sapelo Island itself while yesterday he was successful in bagging pheasants and wild turkey upon another island a short distance away known as Little Sapelo.

Mrs. Coolidge agreed to go along and watch and possibly to put her own marksmanship to the test. The Coffin home boasts a veritable arsenal of hunting pieces, for which were closed shot guns of the sixteen and twelve gauge variety, with a more gentle recoil than their mightier fellows, and placed at Mrs. Coolidge's disposal.

President Elated
The President, recalling his recent, unsuccessful venture after quail in Virginia, was elated by the results of yesterday's hunting. Three pheasants whirring before the chief executive in a swift flight fell before his marksmanship and to these he added two wild turkeys, while Colonel E. W. Starling, of the White House secret service, the only member of the party to engage in the shooting, increased by the day's bag by three pheasants.

Aged Publisher Weds Young Society Bud

AIKEN, S. C., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Miss Leslie Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Volney Foster of Lake Forest, Ill., was married here this afternoon to Conde Nast, president of the Nast Publications corporation, publishers of Vogue, Vanity Fair, House and Garden and other periodicals.

The groom is 54 and the bride is 27.

Mrs. Casteen Wins Prize For Most Attractive Tree

The winner of the award offered by Mrs. Adolph Gettinger, through the Garden club, for the most attractive lighted living Christmas tree in Goldsboro was announced last night and is Mrs. N. D. Casteen, of 1208 Mulberry extension, who will receive as the prize choice shrubbery. Other trees considered by the committee appointed from the Garden club—Mrs. C. E. Wilkins and Miss Rachel Bordeas—deserving honorable mention were those in the yards of Messrs. Frank Creech, W. E. Ormond, Robert Jeffreys, Roy Parker, A. H. Edgerston, and Thomas O'Berry.

First Photos of Coolidges in Georgia



First photos from Brunswick of President and Mrs. Coolidge arriving in Georgia for the holidays. Left to right are Mrs. Coolidge, President Coolidge and Howard Coffin. Photo by International Newsreel.

ALABATROSS IS HELD FOR DEATH FEAR SEVERE

IN A CRASH UP TRYING FOR ENDURANCE RECORD TO EARTH

IMPERIAL, Calif., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Striking a downward air current which forced their heavily loaded ship earthward, Charles Rocheville, and John Guglielmi, pilots of the Albatross B-1 made a forced landing 15 miles west of Niland, Calif. It was learned here today.

The ship which had been taken up at 6:55 this morning in an effort to smash the world's endurance flight record landed and hour and a half after the take-off. The pilots said that the landing on the rough terrain had smashed the propeller and one wheel and that it would be necessary to dismantle the ship.

Rocheville said that the strong air current had forced them to drop the entire gasoline load of nearly 650 gallons. He said he did not know whether a new attempt would be made.

KILLED WHEN CAR TURNS OVER

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Ambrose Ross, son of former governor Nellie Ross, of Wyoming, was killed when his car turned over on a hill just out of Saritoga, Wyoming, 100 miles west of here this evening, says a special to the Wyoming Tribune Leader here.

PROF. CHAMPION CHESS PLAYER

GREENSBORO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Prof. L. W. Gardner of State College, Raleigh, today became North Carolina's chess champion at the close of a two day tournament held in this city. He won eight games and held a perfect score.

HELD FOR DEATH FEAR SEVERE

HIS YOUNG WIFE
After Confessing to Him Killing of V. E. Fearn

CANTON, O., Dec. 28.—(AP)—An affidavit charging Wilbur O. Heldman, Loran furnace salesman, with the murder of his wife Margaret, 21, on the night of December 13, was filed by C. C. McQuate today before Justice of the Peace Donald M. Smyth.

Heldman told authorities his wife shot herself to death the night of December 13 with the same gun she had used just a week previously to end the life of V. E. Fearn, 35, Canton, coal dealer. Heldman had obtained a confession to the Fearn slaying from his wife at the time and he was bringing her to Canton to turn her over to authorities, he said. Mrs. Heldman's death occurred in their automobile just as they reached the outskirts of Canton.

Heldman has been in the county jail as a coroner's witness since the night of December 13, when he brought the lifeless body of his wife to a hospital with the account that she had shot and killed herself.

Mrs. Heldman had confessed that she killed Fearn, who was called to the front porch of his home south of here and shot six times by a young woman the evening of December 6, Heldman said.

Sheriff Ed Gussion accepted Heldman's story, but at the request of relatives of Mrs. Heldman at Dubois, Pa., an investigation was made.

Coroner McQuate and Ora Slater, Cincinnati detective, conducted a lengthy check of Heldman's movements and decided to let the grand jury, which convenes January 7, hear the facts for "what they are worth."

FLU OUTBREAK

Ending December 22, Million And Quarter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Another outbreak of influenza more severe in nature than the disease now prevailing is regarded as possible later in the winter by Surgeon General Cumming.

He said that he viewed the situation at present as serious, but declared that the present wave is mild in character and that there is an apparent absence of complications.

There is little likelihood in the opinion of the surgeon general that the disease will not spread over the Atlantic States as it has the West and parts of the South.

"This seems to be a typical influenza epidemic," he said, "and it is similar to the 1918 outbreak in the mildness of the first cases."

Deaths in the 1918 wave of influenza were 500,000 in excess of the normal number from the malady, and in 1926 there were 100,000. Excess deaths thus far have led Surgeon General Cumming to believe that mortality this year may be greater than in 1926.

He agreed with the estimate by public health officers that there were approximately a million and a quarter new cases in the United States during the week ending December 22. This estimate was based on 240,562 cases actually reported from all but seven states.

The News to Inaugurate Nurse's Registry For The Duration Flu Epidemic

CAPABLE WHITE AND COLORED WOMEN ABOVE 18 YEARS OF AGE INVITED TO REGISTER FREE FOR SERVICE IN FAMILIES ILL WITH THE DISEASE

The Goldsboro News will tomorrow inaugurate a nurses' registry for the city and county and will continue the registry as long as conditions in the present influenza epidemic seem to warrant.

Practical nurses—both white and colored—are requested to leave their names and addresses with The News. These names and addresses will be published in The News from day to day that families needing the services of a nurse may be able to locate one.

This step on the part of the paper is taken after consultation with a number of leaders in the city. The idea has been heartily endorsed as one which may be of service to the city and county in the present epidemic, now regarded as of proportions equal to the epidemic of 1918. While the cases generally are not so severe as they were in 1918, physicians urge continually the necessity of proper care to prevent complications following the disease.

In many parts of the county and in a number of the homes of the city, entire families are said to be ill with the disease. It has been impossible, it is said, to secure sufficient nurses from the regular channels to take care of all the demands.

How to Register
Women above 18 years of age who have completed home nursing courses, who have had experience as a practical nurse, or in directing a household and are willing to accept work in homes where a nurse or housekeeper is needed are invited to register with The News. No one should register, however, who is not in the best of physical condition or who cannot supply a health certificate.

Those desiring to register should fill out the following coupon and send or bring it to The News:

Name _____
Street _____
Telephone _____
Experience, if any _____
Remarks _____

Terms of service shall be a matter for those desiring a nurse and the one offering services to arrange and The News shall in no way be responsible for this angle of the transaction.

UTAH FUNDS FOUND SHORT

Defalcation of \$100,000 Found As Treasurer Prepares to Turn Over Books

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Utah State treasurer, John Walker, announced today that David J. Pugh, a deputy in his office, had confessed defalcations of more than \$100,000. The alleged defalcations, it was declared, were discovered when Walker made a final check of his accounts preliminary to turning over the office of his successor the first of next month.

COMMISSION IS CALLED

GENEVA, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The preparatory commission for a disarmament conference has been convoked to meet at Geneva on April 15.

FAIL TO FIND MISSING COUPLE

Colorado River Explorers Found Boat of Hydes and Their Diary

PEACH SPRINGS, Ariz., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Emory and Elsworth Kolb, Colorado river explorers, who have been searching for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hyde, of Mazon, Idaho, the couple that disappeared sometime ago after attempting to "shoot" the foaming rapids of the Grand Canyon, emerged here today with the announcement that they had been unsuccessful.

The Kolbs, who seventeen years ago rode a boat down the river for the first time said that they found the seam in which the Hydes had dared the Canyon, but nothing to indicate the couple was alive. The boat was bounding in midstream, held by a rope which had wedged into the rocks lining the rapids. The Hydes' personal effects were neatly piled inside the craft. With these was a diary in which the last entry was November 30.

Two Held For Grand Jury As Result Fatal Accident

Dewey Vann, 27, young Clinton man who died in a local hospital Thursday night from injuries received when his car hit a log truck near Cranham's store, contributed to his death through operating his machine without lights, but the operators of the truck also contributed to it in that there was no rear light on the truck. This was the verdict brought in by the grand jury which heard the evidence in Sheriff W. D. Grant's office at 11 o'clock yesterday. Lonnie Edwards, driver of the truck, and Carson Hayes, owner, were ordered held under \$200 bond each for the next grand jury.

Edwards, testifying before the jury, said that he saw Vann lying on the highway. Attempts to question exchange of the truck with instructions to see that no one ran into it. Hayes, he related, had gone away to obtain help in moving the loaded machine from the highway. A front axle had given way and it had been impossible to move it from the highway.

Mrs. Monroe Brewer Died in Selma Friday

Mrs. Monroe Brewer, of Wayne County, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Etta Brown, at Selma Friday morning at 5 o'clock and will be buried in the cemetery at Princeton at 2 p. m. today.

Mrs. Brewer was the widow of Monroe Brewer a Confederate soldier of this county and was 73 years old last Thursday.

She leaves seven children, Mrs. Nellie Woodard and Herman Brewer of this city, Andrew Brewer, Mrs. Etta Brown, Mrs. Ada Sasser, Johnston County, Mrs. Cora Taylor and Bennie Brewer, of Wayne County.