

MOB SEIZES NEGRO MURDERER AND ABDUCTOR

Reported As Taking Him Back To Prison Camp, Scene of Crime

Negro Alleged to Have Slain Mississippi Prison Farm Official

ALSO ABDUCTED YOUNG DAUGHTER OF SLAAN MAN

MEMPHIS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A resident of Roundaway, Miss., told the Associated Press at 7:50 o'clock tonight that the mob with Charley Shepherd, Negro, alleged abductor and murderer was passing that village at that time, apparently enroute to the state prison farm at Parchman.

He said the mob consisted of about 150 automobiles and that the Negro still was held.

It was his understanding that two other negroes, bunkmates of Shepherd, also were sought by the mob in connection with the murder of J. D. Duval, prison employee at Parchman.

The mob previously had been reported at Lumbarday, where it was said plans were underway to burn Shepherd at the stake. After an hour's stay there, however, it departed.

PERTSHIRE, Miss., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Charley Shepherd, negro convict who has been the object of a wide-spread search as the slayer of J. D. Duval, an employee of the Parchman State Prison farm, and the kidnapper of Duval's 18-year-old daughter, Ruth, surrendered to a woman planter here today.

Shepherd's brother who worked on the land of Miss Laura Mae Keeler received word this morning that the escaped convict was in a vacant house on the plantation and "needed help and needed it right away." The message was delivered by another negro who also worked on the plantation.

The brother informed Miss Keller, who got in communication with a guard at Parchman, and the brother was sent to see Shepherd. After a time Miss Keller went to the house and Shepherd surrendered to her.

Miss Keller and several neighbors started with him for the State Prison farm about twenty-five miles away.

Duval was killed in his home early Friday morning and Miss Duval was kidnapped and kept prisoner until she escaped Saturday and made her way to a prison camp.

Baltimore Banker Is Dead At Age of 79

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—J. William Middendorf, Sr., banker, and one of the organizers of the Seaboard Airline Railway, died today at the home of his son, after an illness of grippe and a heart attack. He was 79 years old and his connection with Baltimore banking history went back to the period just after the civil war and continued until the early part of the present century.

NEGRO HELD FOR SHOOTING PYRTLE

Says White Man Attempted To Blackjack Him In Gambling Game

DANBURY, N. C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—John Halrston, Negro, was held in jail here tonight, charged with the murder of Walter F. Pyrtle, 34, of Kerneraville, whose body with a bullet wound in the chest was found in an automobile by the side of the road near Walnut Cove this morning.

Sheriff Taylor of Stokes county, who investigated the shooting, said the Negro had confessed. He quoted Halrston as saying that the homicide occurred in Halrston's home where a gambling game was in progress. Halrston is said to have stated that he shot Pyrtle when the latter attempted to strike him with a blackjack.

Following the shooting, it is said, Halrston entered his car and drove a mile away where his body was discovered at 7 o'clock this morning.

WORLD GREETS MISS NEW YEAR

Chicago Goes On Big Whoopie And London Dances and Forgets Unemployment

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Young 1929 toddled into the Widdie West tonight to receive a warm welcome from everyone, except the weather man.

New Year's revelers welcomed the year as the mercury started a nose dive that will probably carry it down to zero before Wednesday.

The weather, however, failed to chill the new year party of Chicago that thronged all places providing a New Year's program. Prices at tables at cabarets that specialise in making whoopie and headaches the morning after. Some of the principal clubs and a few of the larger hotels, not caring to take a chance with prohibition laws did not contract for celebrations.

E. C. Yellowway, dry agent here, announced that his liquor was safe as far as his agents were concerned and police said they intended to allow the people to have a good time.

Federal agents in evening dress were assigned to mingle with the merry makers at most of the gatherings.

Cafes and ball rooms operating under temporary permits put a new interpretation of the law into use. When the patron ordered a beverage it was served in a glass with or without the ice as desired.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(By Canadian Press)—The old year departed in Britain like a blustering old cumbered. Snow fell rather heavily in the north yesterday and at night reached London.

But by daylight today it had changed to a sloppy drizzle in the metropolis.

Festive preparations for ushering in 1929 proceeded apace as it is deemed the King is out of immediate danger. London's big hotels arranged revels on an unusually grandiose scale.

In trade the year closing today failed to justify the optimism with which it opened. The great drain of unemployment continues and the distress in the coal fields becomes more acute.

AGED FREMONT MAN PASSES

Very Prominent and Well Known in This County—Uncle of H. A. Pike

After a lingering illness of several days from pneumonia, Mr. J. B. Pike, of Fremont, died at his home there this morning at 3:09 o'clock. Mr. Pike was a member of the firm of Pike and Peele and was very well known in this section of Wayne county.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Juanita Pike, and two sons, Clarence and Bernard Pike. No funeral arrangements had been made at an early hour this morning.

Bland and Griffin Assume Management of Hotel Today

At midnight last the management of the Hotel Goldsboro passed to the Griffin and Bland Hotel company with Alton L. Bland as resident manager.

The Griffins and Bland company succeeds J. C. Vanstony, Inc., who have operated the hotel since its construction as a community cooperative enterprise several years ago. With headquarters in Raleigh, the business of the Goldsboro hotel now centers seven other hotels: The Sir Walter and the Bland in Raleigh, the King Cotton in Greerboro, the Zinzendorf and Robert E. Lee in Winst-

on-Salem the Ricks in Rocky Mount, and the Petersburg in Petersburg, Va.

The company has secured a 20-year lease on the 200-room hotel here and plan to apply in its operation the same principles which have made of their businesses outstanding hotels of the South. Alton L. Bland, who will act as local manager, is a son of the president of the company, T. L. Bland and with Mrs. Bland will occupy an apartment at the hotel.

Mr. Bland has been in the city for several days familiarizing himself. Continued on Page Six

PEELE FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

rites For Former Goldsboro Man From St. Johns Church At 2 O'clock

News was received in the city Sunday of the death of S. H. Peele, in Durham early Sunday morning. The remains will be brought to Goldsboro for burial and services will be held in St. John M. E. Church at 2 p. m. today. Mr. Peele has for the last few years made his home in Durham but prior to that time was a citizen of Goldsboro where he was well known and where he has many friends who will mourn his passing.

He was well known in business circles, having conducted retail grocery stores in different locations in the city for many years. Surviving Mr. Peele are his widow by a second marriage who resides in Durham, two children, both well known here, Russell Peele of Kinston and Mrs. Ben Cullen, formerly Miss Gladys Peele, of Norfolk, Va.

NUMBER CASES DISPOSED OF

Part of Evidence in Non-Support Charge Against Singleton Heard

Two defendants drew sentences totaling 14 months on the roads and several others were found not guilty in the final 1928 session of Wayne county recorder's court yesterday. The docket was not cleared, however, and a number of cases will be renewed at 1929 sessions. The charge of non-support against A. W. Singleton had been partly heard when court adjourned for the day.

Solicitor Paul B. Edmundson was not able to appear in court on account of an attack of influenza and Hugh Dorch and Wyatt E. Blake served as prosecutor in his stead.

For manufacturing whiskey, James Norwood was sentenced to six months on the roads and Jasper Hays drew eight months for larceny. Ed Artis was found not guilty on a charge of false pretense.

Philip Philpot was cleared of a charge of selling whiskey and Fred Lucas and Philip found not guilty on a charge of assault.

A nol pros was taken against Andrew Fields, Jr., Bookert T. Sberard, Ed and Warren Woodard on a charge of damaging personal property.

HOLD FUNERAL BRAVE SOLDIER

Generals and Officers of Line Follow Sergeant To His Grave

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—As a tribute to his bravery in 7 world war battles and 20 years of army service, Staff Sgt. Joseph Spel was followed to his grave in Arlington today by high generals and two line officers in whose ranks he had fought.

His body, bearing three wound scars, and with the croix de guerre of France pinned to his blouse, was born on a casket covered with flowers.

The colors of the 18 Infantry, under which he had fought, were followed by high army officers who had been with the division in France and who acted as honorary pallbearers.

Taylor to Raleigh

Charlotte, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Tyre C. Taylor, Charlotte attorney, will go to Raleigh Friday to begin familiarizing himself with the duties of his post as secretary to Governor-elect, O. Max Gardner will be inaugurated on January 11.

Girl Held in Robbery Epidemic



Photo shows nineteen-year-old "Dashing Dora" Bragg in demure pose outside Covington, Va., jail, where she is held on charges of complicity in a series of spectacular store robberies and holdups. She was arrested with a male companion when her automobile ceased to function during a get-away.

Countries Agree To Abide By Protocol

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Agreement of Bolivia and Paraguay to the terms of a protocol for the settlement of their dispute close of a session of the special committee of the Pan-American conference.

USES NEW WAY STOP RUM CAR

Deputy Carl Smith Locks Bumper of His Machine Into Fleeing Auto

Deputy Sheriff Carl Smith hit upon a new way of capturing a fleeing automobile in a rum chase Sunday night. He stopped the machine containing Jim Sherard, Negro and Tom Sullivan, white, by hooking his bumper onto the bumper of the fleeing machine. A case of whiskey had been thrown from the car containing Sullivan and Sherard before the machine was stopped.

Smith overhauled the car near Nahants Swamp on Highway 49 north of Pikeville, raced ahead and drawing over in front of the approaching car forced it to stop. Sullivan, the driver, threw his machine into reverse, and backed down the highway, but not before Smith had leaped on the running board. As the officer got on the car, Sullivan threw his machine into gear and went forward again, crowding passed the officer's car. Smith jumped off the running board and got back into his machine and renewed the chase.

Pulling up on the fleeing auto, he sent his bumper against the bumper of the car in front and hooked the two together. The alleged bootleggers were forced to stop. Sherard is in jail in default of \$300 bond. A warrant has been issued for Sullivan.

Poincare Tells Cabinet He is Ready to Quit

PARIS, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Premier Poincare today frankly told his cabinet that he had accomplished his main tasks and was ready to resign because of present unrest. But the cabinet persuaded him he had much to do, particularly in regard to the reparations, and M. Poincare agreed to remain.

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MOTOR OR MAN TEST TO START

Which Will Crack First, Motor Or Man is Question To Be Answered

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Five army men and the giant tri-motored flogger monoplane dubbed the Question Mark were ready here tonight for a New Year's day start on an adventure that will supply the answer of whether man or motor will crack first under endurance flying.

At 7 tomorrow the Question Mark is scheduled to take off from the Metropolitan airport prepared to remain aloft by means of refueling in the air until the three powerful whirlwind motors or the five men aboard reach the limit of endurance and force a landing.

Major Spatz is flight commander. The fliers were confident that they would exceed the present record of 60 hours and 7 minutes for a refueling flight held in Belgium, and thought it possible to remain in the air perhaps a week or more.

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Pikeville Infant To Be Buried At 3 P. M.

Pneumonia, following influenza, claimed another victim in the county yesterday when Eugene Crawford, 18-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Herman Crawford, died at the home of his parents in Pikeville. Funeral will be held from the home at 3 o'clock today and will be in charge of Rev. Mr. Richmond of the Elm street and Pikeville Methodist churches. Burial will be made in the Pikeville cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

DIFFER AS TO SCHOOLS CLOSE

Laughinghouse Says Closing Does Not Aid Any While S. C. Director Says Does

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Continued prevalence of influenza over North Carolina and South Carolina during the Christmas holidays has caused authorities of some of the schools and colleges to postpone reopening of the 1929 and 1929 session. Several announcements of delay were made today, while students are to return to other schools only several days late.

A large number of educational institutions, particularly in North Carolina, indicated that no delay would be occasioned, however.

Reports from other Southern states showed that some colleges and public schools would postpone their openings.

Dr. C. H. Laughinghouse, health officer for North Carolina, advised heads of colleges and schools to reopen on schedule. He said that he did not believe students would be endangered by attending classes and that they would not be exposed to any greater extent.

On the other hand, Dr. J. Hays, director of medicine for South Carolina, recommended the postponement of re-openings to prevent the spread of the disease.

2 Goldsboro Men Held In Kinston Following An Alleged Hold-Up Attempt

10 IN CAR THAT IS TURNED OVER

Family of E. W. Moore and Friends Escape Serious Injury In Accident

Ten people were injured, none seriously, when the new Chrysler automobile of E. W. Moore of Bellview, was overturned late Sunday while the family, with friends was returning from a day's outing.

Herman Moore, 48, was driving and about six o'clock in the evening met a car whose lights blinded him. He ran off the pavement and cut back suddenly. The Chrysler made a complete turn-around and landed on its side, shattering the glass windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore sustained cuts about the body and face and, a small son received a broken nose. None was so badly injured as to require treatment. The car was righted and proceeded to Goldsboro under its own power.

MOTHER TRIES TO SAVE SON

Mrs. Northcott Pleads Guilty To One of Chicken Ranch Murders

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott today pleaded guilty to the murder of Walter Collins, one of the four boys alleged to have been tortured and slain on the Northcott chicken ranch near here and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge O. K. Morton in superior court.

The woman, whose son Gordon Stewart Northcott, also is charged with the murders, assumed responsibility for all the killings and attempted to clear her son of any responsibility. She shifted the blame from her son to her husband, Cyrus Northcott, and her grandson, Sanford Clark, young Northcott's chief accuser.

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When searched, each was found to have a pistol and a red bandana handkerchief. The latter was offered as circumstantial evidence to indicate plans to attempt a hold-up. The men were given preliminary hearing in recorder's court in Kinston yesterday and held for the Lenoir grand jury.

They had been living in Goldsboro several months, and were said to have come here from Kentucky.

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NO NEW TRIAL FOR OFFENDER

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Etta Mae Miller, facing a life sentence as a four time offender against the liquor law, was denied a new trial by Circuit Judge Charles B. Collingwood today. Judge Collingwood also denied a motion to quash the information against Mrs. Miller.

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