

MORE THAN 200 REDS AWAIT FEDERAL ACTION

Members of I. W. W., Communist Labor, Anarchists and Socialists - Raid Marks Culmination of Five Months Investigation by Federal Authorities - Arrests Made on Authority of Attorney General Palmer.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—More than 200 alleged members of approximately seventy radical organizations and cults among whom members of the Industrial Workers of the World, the communist labor party, the communists, and the anarchists and syndicalists predominated, today were in jail awaiting action of state and federal officers and raiding parties still sought other suspects.

The raids on the 300 open and secret gathering places here of the alleged radicals were begun late yesterday after Mr. Hoynes, according to a statement he issued, had received a letter from Mr. Palmer asking him not to proceed with a plan for joint state and federal action agreed upon several months ago.

The prolonged investigation, the county prosecutor said, had revealed that members of radical organizations daily preached the overthrow of the government and that the I. W. W., the communist party and the communist labor party and anarchists and syndicalists had distributed tons of seditious literature.

Chicago, New York, Boston, Detroit and Seattle were the centres of the "criminal conspiracy" the investigation disclosed, he said.

Several women were among those arrested. Search was continued today for William (Big Bill) Hayward secretary of the I. W. W., and other leaders.

A request that a special grand jury be impaneled to investigate activities of "reds" probably will be made within a few days, Mr. Hoynes indicated.

Under the Illinois syndicalist and anti-radical law enacted at the last session of the legislature, a maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment may be imposed on persons convicted of radical activities.

4,000 TO COUNT NEW YORK'S POPULATION. Nearly 4,000 enumerators today commenced the task of counting New York's population.

In selecting the enumerators in New York by competitive examination, preference was given to war workers. The force of men and women chosen in Brooklyn is nearly 100 per cent ex-servicemen.

JURY IN HALL CASE CONTINUE DELIBERATIONS

(By The Associated Press.) MANASSAS, VA., Jan. 2.—The jury in the case of Prohibition Inspector W. C. Hall, charged with killing Lawrence Hudson, an alleged bootlegger, continued its deliberations today after being held in a local hotel all night under guard of the sheriff. A verdict was expected during the day.

BOTH DR. SCHOTT AND MISS GARDNER TO TESTIFY

(By The Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 2.—Both Dr. Christopher G. Schott, charged with murder, and Laurine Gardner, 13, his chief witness, were called to testify today at the coroner's inquest into the death on Christmas eve of Miss Elizabeth Ford Griffith.

In the coroner's possession are two letters that Miss Griffith, the physician's office assistant, and former fiancée, wrote to Dr. Schott and which may throw some light on whether the girl committed suicide in the doctor's office or was murdered. These may be introduced at the inquest, the coroner intimated.

The physician has been released from jail on \$8,000 bond pending investigation by a grand jury on January 9. Last night he arranged for bond for Joseph E. Hudson, former Louisville policeman, charged with shooting and killing Mrs. Lillian E. Lynch here Monday night during a fight between soldiers and a negro.

FORMER COLLEGE PROFESSOR FOUND DEAD

Dr. W. W. Greenlea, Professor of Literature and Languages Found Dead in Room at Boarding House in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Inquiry by a coroner's jury into the death here yesterday of Dr. W. W. Greenlea, former professor of literature and language in various southern schools, was set for today.

Dr. Greenlea was found in his room at a boarding house here, a bullet wound through his head and a pistol with one empty cartridge by his side. Police pronounced it a case of suicide.

The former professor, who was about 48 years old, held a degree in medicine, had been ordained a minister, and was one of the most accomplished linguists of the country.

WAS TEACHER AT BINGHAM. ASHEVILLE, Jan. 2.—Dr. W. M. Greenlea, whose death occurred in Atlanta yesterday, had been an instructor in modern languages at Bingham military academy here during the school term that closed just before Christmas.

200 PRISONERS FORCED TO WITNESS HANGING

As An Experiment in Psychology Many Hardened Criminals Witness Gruesome Tragedy of the Gallows.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—An experiment in psychology was conducted this morning at the county jail, at the dim hour of dawn, when 200 prisoners were forced to witness the hanging of Raffalo Durrage, convicted murderer. Hardened criminals, selected from among murders and felons, whose expiation is not yet the gallows, were placed in cells, tier on tier, of which surrounded the square where the scaffold had been erected.

It was the contention of Sheriff Peters that the sight of the gruesome wrappings would have a most salutary moral effect upon those in whose life might come future temptations to slay or to rob.

And so firmly the sheriff believed in the efficacy of this idea that he persisted in despite of the request of Governor Lowden that he abandon the plan, and the added protests from scores of other persons who thought the scene unnecessarily brutal.

Accordingly the stage was set and Durrage was led forth. The quiet in the death chamber became absolute for a moment. Then the noise was slipped over the murderer's head. From one of the higher tiers came a strident shout:

"When do we eat?" Tier by tier, cell by cell, the cry was taken up. It became a roar above which the warden's voice could not be heard.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The "two hundred worst criminals" in the Cook county jail did not receive a "moral lesson" today by being forced to witness the hanging of Raffalo Durrage, convicted of a double murder. Governor Frank O. Lowden directed a change in the announced plans of Sheriff Peters after many Chicago women had protested against making the hanging a "spectacle."

The plans of the sheriff were to transfer as many prisoners as possible, including the approximately 200 he designated as dangerous characters, to cells overlooking the court where the gallows was located. The altered arrangement called for removing from those cells most of the prisoners.

Durrage killed his wife, Mary, and Onofrio Gargano. Since he was sentenced virtually his only visitor has been an Italian priest. He spent a sleepless night pacing his cell and smoking continually.

BIRTHS DOUBLE DEATHS IN YEAR JUST ENDED

According to statistics obtained from the office of W. Meek Adams, vital statistics officer for Gastonia and Gastonia township, the births in this township last year outnumbered the deaths more than two to one.

In the township there were 696 births in 1919 as against 304 deaths during the same period.

Figures for the year were as follows: Births in the city 508 Births outside the city 188

Total births 696 Deaths in the city 217 Deaths outside the city 87

Total deaths 304

FIVE ALIENISTS TESTIFY AS TO NEW'S SANITY

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Jan. 2.—Testimony of five alienists as to the sanity of Harry S. New, charged with the murder of Miss Freda Lesser, would complete presentation of the defense's evidence, New's attorneys announced today before resumption of the hearing after the New Year's holiday.

A hypothetical question of more than 5,000 words based on all testimony introduced in the case was expected to elicit from the experts the answer that they believed the defendant was insane, said Leonate Davis, of counsel for New.

Rebuttal evidence by the state will follow. Witnesses summoned included Mrs. Alice Lesser, the dead girl's mother, and alienists expected to testify, they believed New was rational.

Arguments will require at least a day for each side, defense and prosecution have agreed. They indicated they thought the case would go to the jury Wednesday.

BOY SCOUTS WILL ATTEND FLAG SERVICE. Assistant Scoutmaster O. O. Duncan requests that all members of Troop No. 3 meet at the Columbia Tailoring Company's store at 7 o'clock Sunday night, in full uniform. The troop will attend the flag service at the First Baptist church in a body.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE CHARGE OF CHAMBER

President Fred L. Smyre and New Board Directors Assume Guidance of Chamber of Commerce For 1920 - Secretary Allen Re-Elected - Committees to Be Announced Later.

New officers yesterday took over the affairs of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and held their first meeting for the year 1920. The old board, with J. H. Kennedy, the retiring president, in the chair, held its final meeting in Secretary Allen's offices at 4:30. At 5 they turned the meeting over to President Fred L. Smyre and his board of directors and the latter started the ball to rolling for another year.



FRED L. SMYRE New President Gastonia Chamber of Commerce.

Third National Bank; C. C. Armstrong, of the Armstrong chain of mills; R. Hope Brison, of the Capicola Mfg. Co.; J. O. White, of the Modena Mills; John R. Rankin, postmaster; A. E. Woltz, lawyer, and C. D. Gray, cotton broker. Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen was re-elected for another year at an increased salary.

The making of the budget for 1920 was referred to the finance committee which will make its report at the next meeting of the board.

President Smyre stated that he would announce the standing committees for the year later.

In splendid shape financially and with a constantly increasing membership, the chamber begins the new year with flattering prospects.

J. H. Kennedy, the retiring president issued the following open letter regarding the past year's work of the chamber: Co-operation from the people of Gastonia and the people of Gaston county outside the county seat, has made the year just closing a notable one in work accomplished for the advancement of city and county and I wish to take this opportunity to extend my cordial and sincere appreciation of this spirit as shown the Chamber of Commerce.

As a new administration takes over the organization I wish to bespeak for the new officials the same ready backing in all their efforts for anything good for our section.

Co-operation made the last big Gaston County Fair a real success and co-operation has made a success of everything attempted by the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is but the agency organized and ready for use at all times and needing only the support of the people in general to put everything good over for us.

No one man has made the work of the chamber the past year notable. It has been the team-work of officers and members and of those not in the membership. It has been a splendid year for our community and to all I wish to extend a sincere New Year's greeting and the hope that the new year may bring much to pass of benefit to Gastonia and to all Gaston.

AMNESTY MAY BE GRANTED FUGITIVES. (By The Associated Press.) MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—Amnesty may be granted Mexican fugitives in foreign countries by the government, President Carranza declared today at the New Year's reception at the palace.

The president's statement was in answer to a petition presented by Colonel Antonio Jau-regui, survivor of the war of French intervention, who asked that former federal officers be pardoned for offenses charged against them. Many of these were involved in the revolt of 1913.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS BEGIN COUNTING NOSES TODAY

Population of United States Is Expected to Go Over One Hundred Million Mark - 85,000 Enumerators Engaged in Work - Expect to Complete Census Within Two Weeks.

TO CHECK VARIOUS VERSIONS OF BROWN'S DEATH

(By The Associated Press.) MOUNT CLEMENS, MICH., Jan. 2.—Authorities today questioned Lloyd Prevost, former close friend of J. Stanley Brown, in an effort to check upon the various versions of Brown's mysterious death more than a week ago, when his body was found in his automobile on a country road near here.

Prevost was detained yesterday for the second time and upon the advice of his attorneys refused to add to his previous statements to the effect that he was with Brown several hours before his death, but that he had no knowledge of who shot the young man to death.

Prevost, himself, has been connected with the case by Mrs. Cecil Vester, a former friend of both men, who also incriminated Brown's widow, Mrs. Ruth Prevost Brown. Early today no charge had been lodged against either.

Mrs. Vester is in jail awaiting a preliminary hearing tomorrow morning, on a charge of complicity in the slaying of Brown.

DR. JAMES I. VANCE ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Student Volunteer Convention Hears what Christian Churches Are Demanding of Students.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 2.—Just what the Christian churches of the United States and Canada are demanding of students in the two countries was explained today by several speakers of the Student Volunteer movement for foreign missions here.

Dr. James I. Vance, of Nashville, Tenn., told of one of the demands and how it is being met. Dr. James Enlicott, of Toronto, Canada, discussed the Canadian side of the question, while Mrs. F. S. Bennett, of New York, president of the board of home missions of the Presbyterian church, spoke on the subject from the viewpoint of women.

Dr. J. Campbell White, of New York, connected with the inter-church movement, also spoke. This afternoon the convention delegates met in sections and heard various phases of mission work discussed. The sections were divided under the heads of agricultural, education, medical and evangelistic.

Non-Christian religions, their work and their failures, will be the subject for the general meeting of the convention tonight. The Rev. C. A. R. Janvier, of India, and the Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, of Egypt, will speak. Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, of Rochester, N. Y., and Robert E. Speer, of New York, also are on the program.

HARVARD SQUAD RETURNS HOME VICTORIOUS

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 2.—The Harvard football squad today began the long return journey to Cambridge, Mass., fully repaid for the twice trans-continental trip by the 7 to 6 victory gained here yesterday over the University of Oregon eleven. The Crimson victory was the first scored by an eastern team in the annual inter-sectional game here.

Discussion today by critics of the game largely concerned the ability of Casey, Harvard's sensational backfield man, in catching forward passes and freeing himself from tacklers and A. Horween's line plunging during the final period. Church was given credit for much effective punting.

Little, Mannerud and Steers, whose drop kicks brought the Oregon score to within one point of the seven, Harvard's touchdown by Church and goal by A. Horween produced, also came in for favorable mention. That no new style of play was uncovered by either team, was commented upon.

MAN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—With the thermometer registering five below zero at 6 o'clock this morning, an unidentified man was found frozen to death in the snow. He apparently was walking to work, as a full dinner pail was found at his side.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Fourteenth Decennial census began today with 85,000 enumerators engaged in counting the men, women and children of the United States and collecting data on the resources of the nation.

The census is expected to be completed within two weeks, but the compiling of the figures probably will require four months.

The population is estimated at between 107,000,000 and 112,000,000, compared with 93,000,000 in 1910. When the first census was taken in 1779 during George Washington's administration, the population was reported at 3,000,000.

Washington is the headquarters of the census work, which is being done under the supervision of Samuel L. Rogers, chief of the bureau. Officials here expect to be able to estimate the population of the larger cities by the middle of March, but the returns from the country districts will be slower.

Besides the enumeration of persons, the census included the accumulation of information on farms, manufactures, forests and oil production.

Gaston county and Gastonia are filled with census enumerators today. For the next two weeks they will be busy counting the noses of all inhabitants of the county. The co-operation of every one is asked in order that the work might be completely done.

Every enumerator has been sworn to keep all information secured and a heavy penalty is provided for divulging information given them. This information will be sent to Washington, where a preliminary report as to the larger cities is expected within the next three months.

Information to be asked every person will include the following: Race, color, age, native or naturalized, nationality of parents, speaking English, reading and writing, occupation and a few other related questions.

In case of farmers, included in the questions will be as to whether or not he owns his own farm, number of acres owned, number under cultivation, in pasture and waste, stock, amount of animal products, including dairy and beef, chickens and eggs, what crops are cultivated, etc.

The price allowed enumerators this year is 4 cents a head, or twice as much as given for the same work 10 years ago, while country enumerators are given an additional 30 cents for each farm, which is 50 per cent more than 10 years ago.

BIG EXPLOSION IN DEL-AWARE POWDER PLANT

(By The Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—A terrific explosion at 9 o'clock this morning in the vicinity of Wilmington, Del., shook the country for miles around. Telephone service is interrupted temporarily. The first report said there had been two explosions. Later it is said seven had occurred. The force of blow up was so great that houses 30 miles away were shaken violently.

Later it was learned the explosion was in the Hagley plant of the Du Pont powder company. It is located on the Brandywine, three miles from Wilmington.

Four years ago an explosion in the same plant killed 30 workmen.

BRYAN'S NAME WILL BE IN PREFERENCE PRIMARY

(By The Associated Press.) DETROIT, Jan. 2.—William Jennings Bryan will be entered in Michigan's preference primary for endorsement as democratic nominee for president, according to local friends of the former secretary of state.

Petitions in his favor, which will require only 100 names, will be in circulation shortly, it was said. The primaries will be held April 5.

DAN RIVER MILLS GIVE 10 PER CENT BONUS

(By The Associated Press.) DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 2.—Announcement was made today by the Dan River Mills that its 6,000 employees had been given a 10 per cent increase in wages and free insurances. The company will begin soon construction of a new mill, to cost \$2,000,000. A new Y. M. C. A. building also is to be erected in North Danville for the use of mill workers.