

FOUR PERSONS KILLED WHEN MOB ATTEMPTS TO LYNCH NEGRO

Many Others Injured When Police and State Troops Fire Upon Mob After William Lockett, Murderer of Ten-Year-Old White Girl - While Excitement Is Going On Jury Convicts Negro of First Degree Murder - Will Be Executed March 11.

(By The Associated Press.) LEXINGTON, KY., Feb. 9. - Four persons were killed and several injured here today when a mob, intent upon lynching William Lockett, a negro, who confessed to the murder of 10 year old Geneva Hardman, charged the courthouse during Lockett's trial and was fired on by police and state troops.

The crowd, intent upon lynching the negro, retreated when the soldiers fired a volley. The ring leaders carried a rope. While the excitement was going on in front of the courthouse, a jury in the courtroom convicted Lockett of first degree murder and the negro was sentenced to be electrocuted March 11.

STREETS PACKED WITH PEOPLE. LEXINGTON, KY., Feb. 9. - While hundreds of farmers from this and neighboring counties looked sullenly on, 300 armed militiamen from Latonia, Ky., early today escorted William Lockett, a negro, from the railroad station to the Fayette county courthouse, where he was placed on trial for the murder of ten year old Geneva Hardman, a school girl.

Lockett was brought here on a special train from the state penitentiary at Frankfort, where he was rushed on February 4, shortly after he made an alleged confession.

Lexington's streets were packed with onlookers when the negro surrounded by the troops, marched to the courthouse. Heavy wires and ropes had been stretched on either side of each street through which Lockett passed and troops were under orders to "shoot to kill" if an attempt was made to reach the prisoner.

Fifty extra police and a sheriff's posse patrolled the streets to keep the crowds behind the ropes.

Long before the hour set for the opening of the trial, the courthouse was filled. No one was permitted to enter without first being searched for weapons. The crime for which Lockett is being tried, occurred near the Hardman home. The child, on her way to school, was attacked and beaten to death with a large rock. Neighbors of the Hardmans quickly gathered. Spiriting away of the negro, who had been captured by officers, to the penitentiary followed. The same neighbors were seen in the crowds here this morning.

ORGANIZED LABOR MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT ITS ENTRY INTO POLITICAL ARENA

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. - Organized labor's pronouncement of its entry into politics, a call to "all lovers of freedom to marshal their forces in defense of their rights and ideals", and to all trade unionists and their friends to unite in defeating those seeking office who are hostile or indifferent to the right of labor, today was being sent broadcast over the country.

The declaration, issued officially by the American Federation of Labor, after rejecting what it termed vain efforts to secure remedial and constructive legislation for the interest and welfare of the toilers, denounced congress for its "failure to do its duty" and its "repression of labor."

"Scorned by congress, ridiculed and misrepresented by many members of both houses," the announcement said, "The American labor movement finds it necessary to vigorously apply its long and well established non-partisan political policy. The American Federation of Labor announces its determination to apply every legitimate means and all of the power at its command to accomplish the defeat of labor's enemies who aspire for public office, whether they be candidates for president, for congress, for state legislatures or any other office."

The appointment of a national non-partisan political committee, which will mobilize the trade unionist movement was announced, and the campaign will be started immediately. The work will begin in the primaries and will be carried through to the general elections. Each aspirant for office, the announcement said, will have

ATTITUDE OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT UNCHANGED

BERLIN, Feb. 9. - The committee on foreign affairs of the national assembly will meet today to consider the extradition question. It seems improbable that a reply to the entente demand for the surrender of the Germans whose names are continued on the list recently will be sent until a response is received by the German government to its note of January 25. In this note Germany asked the allies to renounce the execution of the extradition article of the peace treaty, affirming that it would inevitably cause political and economic troubles, the alternative proposed being a trial of the persons involved to be held in Germany with the participation of allied representatives.

The newspapers declare unanimously that the attitude of the German government toward the extradition question is unchanged.

The Association of German Regular Soldiers carried out a big demonstration here yesterday against acceptance of the extradition demand. Similar demonstrations were held in the provinces.

BERLIN, Feb. 9. - Decision as to whether the German national assembly will be called to consider Germany's answer to the allied demands for the extradition of Germans accused of violations of the laws of war is expected soon. The cabinet met yesterday and considered the list of men whose surrender is desired and the allied covering note, which were delivered to Premier Bauer, Saturday night, by M de Marilly, charge d'affaires but nothing was made public as to the conclusions reached.

In addition to the persons of Germans on the extradition list, the allied powers demand access to archives and possession of all German documentary evidence, so that prosecution may be facilitated. The covering note is understood to declare the allies do not purpose to grant amnesty to men not named in the list, but will reserve the right to prosecute them, should they be apprehended on entente soil.

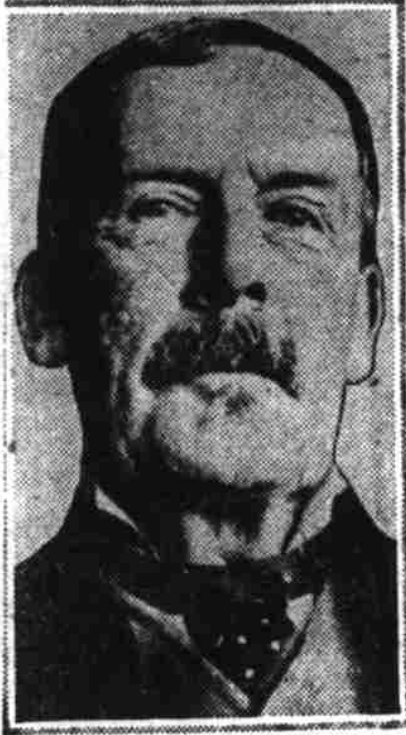
BABE RUTH WANTS PART OF PURCHASE PRICE.

BOSTON, Feb. 9. - "Babe" Ruth today announced he would attempt to obtain \$15,000 of the \$125,000 which the Boston Americans are said to have received for his release to the New York Americans. Returning here from the Pacific coast, Ruth said he had no intention of making trouble, that he would sign with the Yankees at the salary agreed on, reported to be \$18,000 a year, but that he would endeavor to get a part of his purchase price from the Boston club.

EFFORTS TO FLOAT PRINCESS ANNE.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 9. - Further efforts to float the steamship Princess Anne, which went aground on Rockaway Point in a heavy snowstorm Tuesday night, while bound from Norfolk to this port, were made today by tugs. The ship, from which thirty two passengers and 28 members of the crew were removed Saturday, had a strong list to starboard. Forty-four of the crew remained on board.

SACRIFICED HUGE FORTUNE TO HELP PROHIBITION



F. N. Charrington, Supt. of the Tower Hamlets Mission of England, and one of the foremost temperance workers in that country, is known as the man who sacrificed a \$5,000,000 brewery to help the dry cause.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANNING BIG CAMPAIGN

Plans of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year provide for stressing Gastonia and Gaston county's industrial supremacy, especially in the production of fine yarns and combed yarns generally.

Already well known in the yarn markets, it is desired to make Gastonia and Gaston as familiar to the people of the country generally as the manufacturing center of the best yarns as Grand Rapids is as a furniture center, Akron as a tire city and Detroit as an automobile city. In the opinion of the officers of the Chamber of Commerce this will lead to much greater things for Gastonia in the future.

Plans for the campaign will be mapped out by the publicity committee, according to a decision made at the last directors meeting. This committee, as announced by President Fred L. Smyre, and approved by the board, is to consist of A. E. Woltz, elected by the membership as director of the publicity department, James W. Atkins, W. B. Morris, W. B. Roddey, Dr. D. A. Garrison, W. H. Adams, Ed C. Adams, Walter Klutz, Chris Leventis and F. A. Slate.

NEWBERRY TRIAL ENTERS THIRD WEEK

(By The Associated Press.)

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 9. - Newberry election conspiracy trial entered its third week today with presentation of the case far behind the speed schedule outlined by attorneys for the prosecution who had expected to dispose of at least 20 witnesses each day. During the first week of introduction of testimony only fifty witnesses were called and there were predictions that the trial might last ten weeks in view of the fact that approximately 800 are expected to be called to the stand by both sides.

Duration of the trial, however, was expected to depend largely on the time consumed by the prosecution, for defense attorneys have indicated that their time will be devoted chiefly to character witnesses, of whom the court has ruled two may be called for each of the 135 defendants. The defense has indicated also that a number of government witnesses will be recalled.

PEACE TREATY TO THE FORE AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. - With the situation just what it was November 19, when ratification efforts reached a deadlock and attempts at compromise were abandoned as hopeless, the German peace treaty today, again was to the fore in the senate. The pact itself was not actually before the body, but it indirectly came up with the beginning of efforts by leaders in the controversy to untangle the parliamentary web that must be removed before the treaty can be considered.

The first move after formally calling up the treaty was to get rid of the cloture rule under which debate was conducted in November. Just what course this would follow had not been fully determined when the senate convened, but it was believed that the technicalities could not be cleared away under any plan before tomorrow or Wednesday.

When debate does begin a long and bitter contest was forecast by leaders and while some senators on both sides were hopeful of ratification finally, others believed the deadlock would not be broken and the whole question would be taken into the coming presidential election.

ANOTHER MILLION DOLLAR COTTON MILL

Priscilla Spinning Company Applies For Charter - Plant to be Located at Rano - Will Make Fine Combed Yarns.

Million dollar mills are becoming common in Gaston county. Still another one is announced today, this latest being the Priscilla Spinning Company, the charter for which has been applied for. The incorporators are J. H. Mayes, of Charlotte, head of the Rex Spinning Company; Charles D. Gray, W. M. Boyce and J. B. Boyd, all of Gastonia. It is expected that the charter will be received within the next few days and upon its receipt a permanent organization will be perfected. It was stated this morning by one of the incorporators that practically all of the stock has already been subscribed.

Machinery for this plant was bought some time ago. It will have 15,000 spindles and will manufacture fine combed yarns, Nos. 40's to 60's. Work on the buildings will be commenced this summer and the plant will be in operation sometime in the early part of 1921. The site of this plant is at Rano, east of the city on the P. & N., where are located the Rex Spinning Company's plant, the Rano Mills and the Smyre Manufacturing Company's plant. The site consists of 76 acres of land adjacent to the property of the Rex and Rano Mills.

The mill construction will be on the order of that used by the Rex Mill, which is all steel with splendid lighting arrangements.

J. L. PRICE IS BROUGHT BACK TO GASTONIA

Through Warrants Issued by T. J. Redmond For False Pretense and Embezzlement, Price Is Arrested in Spartanburg and Lodged in County Jail - Hearing Tomorrow.

Mr. J. L. Price, who has been involved in a number of real estate transactions in Gaston county for the past year or more is lodged in the Gaston county jail where he was placed Saturday night following his arrival here from Spartanburg in company with Policeman C. L. Hord.

Mr. Price was arrested upon warrants sworn out by T. J. Redmond on charges of false pretenses, embezzlement, etc. There are five or six cases, and his bond in each case is \$2,000.

A hearing will be held tomorrow morning.

MANAGERS SAY FREAK BALLS MUST GO

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 9. - Baseball men from all parts of the country here to attend what they said probably would be the "biggest baseball meeting of all times" expected today to see the major leagues rules committee eliminate all freak deliveries. The spit, shine, emery and licorice balls all must go, it was indicated, along with all other unnatural deceptive pitching. That the "spitters," stand by of a number of the game's most famous moundmen, would be dealt with leniently was the consensus of opinion, however. It was indicated as an informal meeting of the rules committee yesterday that it would be given a two months' lease on life, possibly a full year, while its opponents adopt a more conservative style.

Legislation regarding the pitching seemed to be the only changes decided on before the committee met formally this morning. Proposed abolishment of the foul fly out met decided opposition yesterday and the committee apparently was unable to agree on a rule to stop intentional passing of dangerous batters.

Formal schedule meetings of the major leagues will be held tomorrow and the big joint session at which a man may be chosen to head the national commission Wednesday.

On Thursday, provided the majors have completed their business, majors, and minors will meet to discuss the advisability of forming a new agreement between the two bodies.

FOREIGN PAPERS WITH BOOZE ADS MAY COME IN

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. - Although the national prohibition enforcement act prevents the publication of liquor advertisements in newspapers published in this country, Postmaster General Burslow called the attention of postmasters today to the exemption from the provisions of the law of all newspapers published in foreign countries. Notice was directed at the same time to the fact that the act referred specifically to "newspapers" only and not to "publications" or "magazines."

RICHARD FISHER SHOT THROUGH THE HEART BY EFFIE ROBINSON

In Quarrel Beyond Arlington-Gray Settlement Young Man Comes to Death at Hands of Woman - Thorough Investigation and Clean-Up to Be Made - 'Squire Morris Remands Woman to Jail.

ELEVEN I. W. W. ON TRIAL AT MONTESANO

Are Charged With Murder of Warren O. Grimm at Centralia, Wash., on Armistice Day.

(By The Associated Press.)

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 9. - Montesano was crowded today with witnesses and visitors who came here for the opening of state's evidence against eleven alleged Industrial Workers of the World, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Warren O. Grimm, at Centralia, Wash., on armistice day. This little lumber town already was packed with persons attracted by the almost two weeks' effort to obtain a jury for the trial. The prosecution's opening statement was made Saturday.

The trial was brought here from Lewis county, in which the killing occurred, on a change of venue.

INTER-CHURCH PLANS SET OUT IN PLATFORM

Three - Day Conference of Christian Workers Results in Formation of Definite Program.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. - Formulation of a platform embodying the principal aims and conclusions agreed upon during three-days sessions, marked the final day of the national conference of women of the Inter-Church World Movement here today in which representatives of twenty-eight denominations and faiths participated. A message, containing the constructive plans outlined by the conference, will be sent to church women throughout the country.

Besides Dr. John R. Mott, general chairman of the Inter-Church World Movement, the program of speakers for the morning session included Daniel A. Poling and Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe. At the post-conference luncheon at which Mrs. Radcliffe presided, wives of most of the cabinet officers and wives of many members of the diplomatic corps were present.

The pronounced purpose of the conference was defined by speakers as an effort to call all classes of women to definite christian service to bring to women everywhere a sense of personal responsibility for the furtherance of christianity and to spread the program of the Inter-Church movement for concerted action in missionary work at home and abroad.

DID NOT APPROVE GERMAN POLICIES

(By The Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Sunday, Feb. 8. - Miss Elsa Scheiner, the only woman whose name appeared on the list of Germans demanded by the allies, is a daughter of a prominent professor at Berlin University and had charge of the women's concentration camp at Valenciennes during the war.

The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, a copy of which has been received here, prints a letter from a contributor who says he worked with Professor Scheiner at the astro-physical observatory at Potsdam and asserts that Miss Scheiner incurred the enmity of allied women spies who were imprisoned at her camp. He declares, however, that letters to Professor Scheiner showed the daughter had many friends among the prisoners and that she did not approve of German policies.

EXHIBITION GAMES.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9. - The Philadelphia Americans will play the St. Louis Nationals 16 exhibition games on their spring training trip, it was announced here today. All will be played in March and with the exception of one game in Oklahoma all will be played in Texas.

Richard Fisher a young white man, of the Gray-Arlington settlement, was shot through the heart and instantly killed Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Effie Robinson, a woman of questionable character. The affair happened outside the city limits beyond the Arlington Mills on the Bessemer City road. The tragedy was the usual culmination of drunken men, mean whiskey and bad women.

It seems that there had been bad feeling between Kinley, Wallace and others for some months, as the result of a quarrel some time last fall.

Fisher, Bud Wallace and a third man whose name is unknown, came to the store Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock and according to reports, attempted to pick a quarrel with Kinley, who ordered them off the premises.

It is said that he fired one shot from a pistol into the ground to hasten their departure.

A few minutes later the men returned and resumed the quarrel. Kinley picked up a chair and attempted to drive Fisher away. They grappled and fell to the ground, Fisher drawing his knife in the meantime and cutting Kinley about the face and neck. Wallace, who was standing near by, took a hand in the fracas at this juncture and jumped on the two struggling men on the ground.

Seeing that her man was getting the worst of it, Effie Robinson seized the pistol from a counter in the store, it is said, and warned Wallace to get off Kinley or she would shoot him. The warning was unheeded and she fired, but hit Fisher, shooting him through the heart, the bullet passing out his back. He died instantly.

Wallace escaped, but was later apprehended. Chief of Police Orr was soon on the scene and the woman was brought to town and lodged in jail. Solicitor Wilson also visited the scene of the crime within an hour after the tragedy.

The store where the tragedy occurred has long been known as a "bad joint" and the management of the Gray-Arlington group of mills has for a long time been endeavoring to oust the owners of this property.

At a preliminary hearing held this morning before 'Squire S. S. Morris, the woman, Effie Robinson, was remanded to jail. John Kinley was released under a \$1000 bond for his appearance at the next term of court.

According to testimony introduced at the trial by one Mrs. Lanier, who lives near the scene of the crime, the man, Bud Wallace, mentioned above was not involved in the scuffle as was stated above.

Quite an interesting tilt between attorneys J. G. and C. E. Carpenter for the defense and Solicitor Wilson for the State enlivened the hearing before the magistrate. 'Squire Morris had at first fixed the bond of Kinley at \$500. Solicitor Wilson held that he should be held as one, aiding and abetting in the murder and that his bond ought to be sufficient to justify his presence at court. Quite a heated argument between the legal lights ensued before 'Squire Morris compromised the difficulty by placing Kinley under a \$1000 bond.

Nothing but the mere surface of the testimony and information apparently possessed by both sides was offered at the preliminary hearing. Both state and defense in the course of their arguments hinted vaguely of the "real facts in the case" and "getting at the bottom of the affair." Neither Kinley nor the Robinson woman were introduced by the defense.

JUGO-SLAVIA WILL ACCEPT COMPROMISE.

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 9. - Jugo-Slavia will soon accept the proposed compromise for a settlement of questions arising out of the Adriatic sea, according to a Belgrade despatch to the Echo de Paris.

TROOPS GOT BIG BOOTY.

(By The Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 9. - Enormous booty was taken by Russian soviet troops when they occupied Odessa, according to a wireless message from Moscow received here. A British and a Russian cruiser are reported to be bombarding the reds from the harbor.

TO REPRESENT AMERICA IN OLYMPIC GAMES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9. - William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, national singles tennis champion, announced today that he had accepted the invitation of the United States Lawn Tennis Association to represent this country on the courts at the Olympic games.