

Officers Balked In Probe Of Tesneair Kidnaping, Flogging

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he never did say. His father said only three men took him away and thrashed him, and his mother saw only three men.

Well Covered Up.
One thing the kidnapers of Tesneair, whoever they were, made plain to investigators was that a kidnaping and flogging should never be done by a mob, if the hope is to cover up successfully. Had a mob of shouting, singing, raving men visited the Tesneair home, chances are that some member of the crowd would have talked by now, or some clue would have bobbed up in some manner out of the melee. A crowd cannot keep a secret well enough, and act smoothly enough to make a good job of such things. But those three men? Tesneair and his wife tell about, apparently knew that. They went about their job quietly, carried it through and have seemingly erased themselves from the world. Apparently it was all well planned before the first move was made. The Tesneairs never saw them before. Then nobody, insofar as officers could learn, saw or even heard them approach the Tesneair home. Only one or two frightened neighbors, peeping from bedroom windows, saw Tesneair taken away, none of them seeing the men who took him. And in leaving the driver of the car apparently knew his route. He wound out and around, apparently never lost, according to Tesneair, and wound up in a South Carolina section where Tesneair was born and raised, but so clever was the driving that Tesneair had to ask at a farmhouse to know that he was in the Buffalo section of South Carolina between Blacksburg and Gaffney. From that point on the kidnaping trip vanished in the air. No one has seen or heard of them, or anyone who resembles them. No mob ever staged such a strategic coup as that.

Cleveland Interested.
During the day yesterday officials and citizens of Cleveland demonstrated that there is no desire for lawlessness in Cleveland county. While Sheriff Allen and Solicitor Spurling were trying to pick up ends of a tangle, where there seemed nothing but tangles without ends, they were joined by Kings Mountain by County Judge Horace Kennedy and Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner, of the county court. All, along with newspapermen and private citizens, worked figured and questioned. And all were baffled. Cleveland did not do a half way job, or hasn't so far, of trying to get the facts.

Whelps On Legs.
Tesneair was beaten. No doubt about that. The writer along with Sheriff Allen, Deputy Dixon, and Police Chief Hedrick, of Kings Mountain, saw it at last night while questioning Tesneair in a room at the Charlotte hotel registered under the names of some of the International Labor Defense folks who have been in the Charlotte and Gastonia sections for some time. It was the same room. It was said that Ben Wells, the Britisher who was flogged, occupied while his wounds were healing.

Tesneair pulled back the covers readily and exhibited the slash in his chest and one on his side, and the whelps on his legs, apparently made by a good-size switch. If some of his own flogged him, as is whispered by some folks, then Cleo took quite a bit of punishment for his union. He seemed in no serious condition, however, although sore and having contracted a cold from spending most of a night in the open in his EVDs, and talked readily with Sheriff Allen. The latter questioned Tesneair closely and assured him that he (the sheriff) was there to get any clue he might pick up to run down the kidnapers. But Tesneair could help little.

"If I would ever see the chunky fellow again I would know him," he said from his bed, while several of the union leaders listened in the room. "But I'm nearly sure I never saw them before."

Not From Kings Mtn.
Sheriff Allen seemed insistent. "Think well now—have you ever seen anybody around the Cora mill, the Dilling mill, or the Phoenix mill who looked like these men who took you out?"

Tesneair thought a moment. "No, I don't believe I had ever seen them at Kings Mountain or anywhere. They told me, you know, that they were from Gaston and meant to get such as me out of the whole section."

A Frame-Up?
In some sections about Kings Mountain, although Kings Mountain folks are talking very little, the impression prevails that the Tesneair story is thin. These folks cannot understand why Tesneair returning from his flogging and passing within a block of home about 7 o'clock in the morning, after he was taken away at 1, did not stop and let his wife and boy know that he was living. She never heard that he was alive until near noon that day when a newspaperman told an officer who told her that her husband was in the Charlotte hotel. Then they wonder, too, how Tesneair's new home was so easily found. He

Cupid Scores Putout



Lloyd Waner of the Pittsburgh Pirates may be "Little Poison" to his opponents but he's the "cream in her coffee" to his wife, the former Miss Frances Mae Snyder. They were married at Swissvale, Pa., and "Big Poison," his brother Paul, was the best man.

had only moved into the house, from which he was taken on the day before and very few Kings Mountain people knew, it is said, where he lived. But then there are those who are always skeptical. There was no actual evidence secured by the investigators to back up a frame-up theory than there was to trace the men who did it.

Bits of union literature was seen about the Tesneair home. One little placard had a photograph of Major Dolley, national guard officer of Gastonia, standing with Police Chief Aderholt, who was later shot, and the caption underneath said that the two above are plotting terrorism for striking mill workers. On the slip also was a bit of doggerel verse, termed a poem written by a young Gastonia girl. It was far from complimentary to the owners of the Lora mill and law officials in that section.

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange:

Dec. 18.95. Yesterday's close: Dec. 18.79.

Eight p. m. weather map mostly clear. Forecasts: Carolinas and Georgia fair today. Probably showers tomorrow. Alabama and Mississippi fair and warmer. Arkansas probably showers north portion. Oklahoma east, east and west Texas part cloudy.

Eastern half state of Texas reports weevil on increase. Oklahoma crop on whole was aided by late rains. Lighter business in Worth street. Look for trade demand to hold market around present levels, unless hedge selling comes in larger volume.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 19.—A mammoth Armistice day celebration is being planned by the local American Legion post, the Woman's auxiliary and other civic organizations, and from present indications the affair will be a gala event. At a recent joint meeting of the Legion post and Woman's auxiliary, a tentative program was outlined for the day and committees were appointed to assist in the preparation for the event.

The tentative program, as adopted at the meeting, will begin at 9 o'clock, with a band concert. Registration of soldiers also begins at 9 o'clock and continues to 10:30, with Frank Dorsey in Charge. A parade which will be one of the features of the day, will take place from 10:30 to 11:30. Public speaking by some speaker of note will take place from 11:30 to 12:30. Lunch hour will be held from 12:30 to 2 p. m. It has been decided to serve, picnic style, a basket lunch to ex-soldiers, their wives and families.

Try Star Wants Ads.

Tesneair Family Interested Over Photos In Paper

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paper. It told all about it."

Mrs. Tesneair's story of the kidnapings as related to Solicitor Spurling was about the same as she had previously related to Sheriff Allen and other officers.

"You know, I must have some information and something to work upon if I am to do any good in bringing these men to justice," the solicitor insisted, "and whatever you can tell me will help."

"I don't know nuthin' more than I've told you and what is in the paper. Cleo didn't talk to me much yesterday in Charlotte. They had him resit' up when I was there and wouldn't let me talk much to him."

"No, I don't know why he didn't stop and let me know he was not dead when he come back through on the truck going to Charlotte after they let him loose. I didn't ask him when I saw him at Charlotte. They wouldn't let me talk to him much," the wife said when asked if it did not seem peculiar to her that her husband did not let her know until noon on the day after he was kidnaped that he was still living and was in Charlotte. Mrs. Tesneair did not know that he had been found until notified by Sheriff Allen. But to get back to Charlotte from where he said he was taken in South Carolina Tesneair must have passed within a couple of blocks of his home where his wife was frantically asking officers to help her find him.

Solicitor Camera Shy.
Solicitor Spurling, while conducting his probe in Kings Mountain yesterday, revealed himself to be about the only legal light connected with any of the labor disturbances in this state recently who did not care to have his photograph and publicity about him in the paper. While he and Sheriff Allen were at the scene where the small union platform was dynamited newspapermen and two news photographers approached and asked for a "shot" of Solicitor Spurling and Sheriff Allen standing side by side. "No, we'd rather not have our pictures taken, if you do not mind," both officers answered. Solicitor Spurling then explained to the photographers that he would not object to permitting them to have a photo if anything he had to do with the labor disturbances amounted to anything.

"My connection with any of the disturbances is remote as yet and in this affair I haven't found much to work upon so far. I don't think my connection is prominent enough for you to use my photo," he said with a smile as he climbed into his car and drove away to another section of Kings Mountain seeking information.

"Darned if that isn't one of the first pairs in public life I have ever encountered who did not care for publicity," one of the newspapermen said as he walked away.

Town Not Interested.
Investigators, newspapermen, photographers and curious people swarmed all over Kings Mountain during the day, but the battle-ground towns people did not seem very much worked up over the affair of the night before and couldn't understand what all the hubbaloos was about.

"The little platform which was blown up was only a small thing, and Tesneair, according to his own

statements said that the men who kidnaped him were from Gaston county, perhaps Bessemer City, so you see we've had very little interest in and very little to do with the matter anyhow," one citizen explained.

Union Lease Expired.
At the store next to the union lot where the speakers stand had been blown up it was said that the union's lease on the lot had already expired before the dynamiting, and that a day or two before a union man had removed the light line and bulb which had been used there for lighting purposes. There was no literature on the stand, and there was no property upon the lot belonging to the union except the platform.

Houser Clan 1,500 Strong Hear Jonas

Permanent Organization Is Perfect-
ed At Bethpage, German
Descent.

It is estimated that 1,500 people gathered at the Houser clan reunion which was held Wednesday at Bethpage Lutheran church in Lincoln county when Congressman Chas. A. Jonas spoke on "Law and Order." Those who heard Mr. Jonas declared it was a wonderful speech.

A permanent organization of the Houser clan was perfected with Editor Levi Houser, of Cherryville, as president and Rev. J. E. B. Houser as secretary-treasurer. The clan will meet annually at Bethpage and next year the gathering will be held the last of August rather than in September. The Housers originally came from Germany.

Attending from Shelby were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shull and son, Keith, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Houser and Mrs. J. F. Whisnant.

Rutherford Men Buy Blooded Calf

His Grand sire Sold For \$65,000.
Calf Is Brought Here From
Pennsylvania.

Forest City, Sept. 19.—Twelve dairymen and business men of the county have purchased a pure bred calf which is being kept at the farm of O. B. Grose, Forest City, route 2. The calf cost \$316 and is the second community bull to be bought in the past three years.

The Jersey calf's name is Sybil's Great Gambo; his sire was Sybil's Gambo the Third, an imported bull from the Island of Jersey, and sold for \$13,000; his grand sire is Imported Sybil's Gambo. This animal sold for \$65,000. The dam of this calf is Sybil's Great Belle and is now milking from 54 to 60 pounds of milk per day, which is the equivalent of seven gallons.

The calf came from A. G. and C. L. Twaddell, of Fair Acres Farm, Weston, Penn.

Final Invitation In Bible, Wall Subject

Dr. Zeno Wall will occupy the pulpit for both services Sunday at the First Baptist church. At the 11 o'clock hour his subject will be "The Last Invitation in the Bible." At the 7:30 hour his topic will be "Seeing the White Fields." Special music at both services.

HOYLE BURNS, AGE 50 DIES IN LOCKHART, S. C.

Ellenboro, Sept. 19.—Hoyle Burns, 50, died at his home in Lockhart, S. C., Tuesday from a lingering illness of more than three years. He and his family were former residents of Ellenboro, having lived here for a number of years, before moving to Lockhart. He has a host of friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Henry E. Kendall left today for Rocky Mount to visit her son, Mr. Wiseman Kendall.

Star Advertising Pays

WEST SHELBY NEWS GLEANINGS

Mrs. J. T. Ramsey Home From
Hospital. Mrs. J. W. Silver Is
Hostess, Personals.

(Special to The Star.)
Mrs. Lee Devenney and children are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells of Cherryville.

Mrs. S. L. Gantt of Belwood spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Ramsey.

Mrs. J. T. Ramsey has returned from the Presbyterian hospital of Charlotte where she stayed two weeks for treatment.

Mr. Grady Francis spent Sunday in Lincolnton.

Miss Jennie Callahan who teaches at Belwood spent the week-end with her parents.

Mrs. M. Taub spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McKinney of Hickory.

Mrs. A. C. Canipe and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. West visited relatives near Lawndale Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Harmon of Bessemer City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ramsey.

Miss Mildred Ramsey left Saturday for Taylorsville where she will teach this coming session.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bradley spent Wednesday with Mrs. C. D. West near the fair grounds.

Miss Bonnie Silver of Glen Alpine spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Silver on Clegg St.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Morris of Fallston visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ramsey Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curb Willis of Kings Mountain visited Mr. and Mrs. Clem Willis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hoyle and children visited relatives at Fallston Sunday.

Master Worth Deviney is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Venner Hoyle in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Toms of Grover are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clem Willis on Gardner street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitworth visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ramsey Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. O. Putnam visited Mrs. D. T. Benoy last Tuesday.

Misses Onie Bridges and Pearl Hefner and Mr. Dewey Bridges visited in the country Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. M. E. Proctor of Belwood is

spending some time with her daughter Mrs. J. T. Ramsey.

Mrs. Arlidge of Gastonia spent a part of last week with parents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Spake.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ramsey spent Sunday with relatives at Inman, S. C.

Mrs. J. W. Silver entertained about forty little folks Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of her little daughter, Mary Margaret's, seventh birthday. The children played many interesting games led by Miss Pearl Hefner after which they were invited into the dining room. A large birthday cake centered the dining table holding seven candles. Much merriment was had blowing out the candles. They were served delicious walnut cream and cake. Each child then received a lollipop and bidding their hostess good-bye wished Mary Margaret many more happy birthdays. Mary Margaret received many pretty presents.

Mrs. H. Y. Mathes died suddenly at her home on LeGrand street Monday evening at 9 o'clock. She had been as well as usual going about her household duties all day. She took sick and only lived about thirty minutes. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and two children. She was a loving wife, an understanding mother and a kind neighbor. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. D. Morris at the Caroleen M. P. church and interment at Oak Grove church near Caroleen. The floral offerings were many and showed the esteem of her many friends.

FOREST CITY HIGH CAPTAIN LOST TO TEAM

Forest City, Sept. 17.—Cloud of gloom settled over Forest City high school today when it was announced that Charles Ford, captain and fullback, would probably be lost to the squad for the season because of an operation for appendicitis. A serious blow was thus dealt to the Forest City high's football chances, because Ford was the sparkplug of the team.

Phone Collector Needed Nickel

Chicago.—Ed Gallagher, a collector for the telephone company, had gathered in 2,000 nickels from various phone boxes when a rough person with a pistol took them away from him.

Gallagher went to a drug store. "I am a collector for the phone company," he said. "I had 2,000 nickels and was robbed. I want to call up the police about it. Lend me a nickel."

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You only have two days to buy your New Ford for the Cleveland County fair. It would not be fair to your wife and children to take them to the fair in your old car when you intend buying a New Ford this fall anyway.

Ham—"Here's dat quatah Ah borrowed from yuh last yeah."
Bones—"You done kep' it so long Ah don't know ef it's wuff while or not to change man opinion of youh just fuh two bits."

Mr. F. Bate Blanton No. 4, Shelby, N. C., had us to send him up a New Model "A" with a Pick Up Body the other day. Mr. Blanton said that he wanted it to haul his fox hounds in this fall, as he was planning on doing some plain and fancy fox hunting this winter.

You are cordially invited to visit our booth and the Fair this year. I am sure that you will be pleased with our exhibit, as we are having something entirely new this year.

We have some unusual bargains to offer in Used Cars and we will be glad for you to come in and look over our stock.

A young lady was being interviewed.
"Do co-eds kiss?" asked the reporter.
"You'd be surprised," she remarked coyly, "how much goes on right under my nose."

Mr. B. M. Melton, No. 4, Shelby, N. C., is the proud owner of a New Model "A" Sport Roadster.

Wife—"Where have you been all evening?"

Husband—"At the office."

Wife—"You must be made of asbestos. Your office building burned down two hours ago."

Statistics show that the average woman eats about as much as the average man. This goes to show how figures will lie.

"How come yo' in jail again, Rastus?"

"A case of mistaken identity."

"Who dey mistake yo' foh?"
"Didn't mistake mo' for nobody. Ah mistook a prohibition agent for a good customer."

We have been informed that this is a willing world. Part of the people are willing to work and the rest are willing to let them.

We delivered Mr. Clifton Davis, No. 7, Shelby, N. C., a New Model "A" Phaeton the other day.

We also delivered Dr. Sam Schenck at New Sport Coupe. Dr. Sam knows his cars as well as he knows his ether.

Prof.—"In which of his battles was Alexander the Great killed?"
Frosh—"I think it was his last one."

Mr. A. B. Mode, No. 6, Shelby said that he wanted to really appreciate Highway No. 18 so he came in the other day and bought a New Model "A" Phaeton.

Most people believe in Law and give the Orders.

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Our last delivery was to Mr. Will Swink, No. 6, Shelby, N. C. He bought a Standard 2-Window Fordor Sedan.

Doctor—"I will give you a local anesthetic if you think it necessary."

Railroad Man—"Well, Doc, if it's going to hurt I reckon you had better cut out the local and run me through on a sleeper."

Well, I guess this will be about enough until after the Fair. Do not forget that we are looking forward to your visit to our booth.

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