

CIRCULATION	
Average for February, 1923:	6002
Sunday only	6420
Daily and Sunday	5420
Average for all months ending January	5800
31, 1923:	5800
Sunday only	5461
Daily and Sunday	5461

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## PARISH JURY RETURNS NO INDICTMENTS

Bills of Information Expected to Be Filed by Attorney General Against Certain Persons.

## IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NOT EXPECTED

Grand Jury Unable to Find Sufficient Evidence to Warrant Actions.

BASTROP, La., March 15.—No indictments were returned by the Morehouse Parish grand jury in connection with the slaying of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard on August 24 last and various hooded band activities which the jury has been investigating for the past ten days. The jury's report was given to district Judge Fred Odum late today.

Attorney General Coco and two of his assistants left here before the grand jury made its report. Mr. Coco stated early today that in event no indictments were returned he would file bills of information against certain persons named at the open hearing here in January as having participated in mob activities. He did not state, however, whether this action would be taken immediately.

In its report the grand jury referred to the masked band case as "the crime of August 24" and stated that while it had gone thoroughly into the affair, it could find no evidence that would warrant the indictment of any individuals.

**History of Case**  
On August 24, 1922, five citizens of Mer Rouge, T. F. Richard, Watt Daniel, his father, J. L. Daniel, W. C. Andrews and "Tot" Bastrop-Mer Rouge road while re-Davenport were abducted on the turning by automobile from a picnic at Bastrop. The abductors, estimated at from 15 to 20 men, one in a white robe and the remainder wearing black hoods, placed the five in a truck and drove away. Late that night, J. L. Daniel and Andrew were released after being flogged but Davenport was released without punishment. Richard and Watt Daniel disappeared.

Relatives of the missing men insisted they had been murdered and enlisted the aid of Governor Parker in the search for them. In September, department of justice men appeared in Morehouse Parish to investigate the case. Their deductions were that Richard and Daniel had been murdered and their bodies cast from the Eastland ferry landing in Lake LaFourche, 25 miles from here.

In November, Governor Parker visited Washington where he had an interview with President Harding and Attorney General Dougherty and requested additional federal aid in solving the case.

**Bodies Found**

On December 2 Governor Parker ordered a company of infantry of the state national guard into Morehouse to drag the lakes in search of the bodies.

In the early morning hours, two days later, the troops engaged in a skirmish with a boatload of men on Lake Cooper, which was at the time closed to traffic.

While this was in progress, dynamiting occurred on Lake La Fourche twenty miles away where the next morning the bodies of two men bound with telephone wire and badly mutilated, were found floating on the surface of the lake surrounded by thousands of dead fish. The bodies were identified as those of Richard and Daniel.

Governor Parker immediately ordered an additional company of infantry and a machine gun company in Morehouse and set January 5 as the date for an open hearing at the courthouse at Bastrop to investigate the slaying of

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## UNDERTAKER RUINED BY KLAN, SAYS

Suit for \$100,000 Against Publishing Company Filed; Said He Was "K. K. K."

CHICAGO, March 15.—Suit for \$100,000 damages for slander was filed against the American Unity Publishing company, publishers of *Tolerance*, anti-Ku Klux Klan paper, by J. William Brooks, attorney, today.

Mr. Brooks, who is also head of an undertaking establishment, asserts that his name was printed in *Tolerance* as a member of the Ku Klux Klan, whereas he had no connection with the Klan.

"A great many clients have refused to do business with me when they thought I was a member of the Ku Klux Klan," said Mr. Brooks. "In addition, my undertaking business was ruined."

## MAIL ROBBER MEETS DEATH

Unidentified Negro Shot as He Leaps From Car; White Man Being Held.

OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—An unidentified negro is dead, and a white man claiming to be John Dengar, Buffalo, N. Y., is being held by Omaha police for investigation as the result of an attempt late this evening to rob the Union Pacific mail train No. 6, running from Ogden to Omaha. A suitcase crammed full of registered mail and money was recovered.

It was a mail clerk's bullet that wrecked the holdup.

When the train reached Summit, Neb., 10 miles west of Omaha a clerk discovered that one of the 14 mail cars was locked on the inside. He gave the alarm and the train was stopped.

As the guards and armed clerks began to swarm from the train, the negro opened a side door of the locked mail car, and suitcase in hand, leaped out.

**Bullet Kills Negro**

Disregarding commands to halt, the negro dashed through the snow when a bullet fired by Mail Clerk G. C. Kull of Council Bluffs brought him down. The bullet struck the bandit in the back.

In the meantime the guards started a search of the train and found Dengar hiding in the tender of the engine. He was taken into custody.

The negro died as the train reached Omaha at 6:30 o'clock.

Postal Inspector W. M. Coble at once took charge of the investigation and of the suitcase and its contents. He would not hazard an estimate as to the value of the contents.

Inspector Coble tonight stated that he did not believe Dengar to be connected with the attempt to rob the mail train.

## SALEM "Y" MAN RECEIVES HONOR

Paul Wallace Chosen as Alternate to International Convention.

PORLTAND, Or., March 15.—Extension of the field of the Young Men's Christian association into the districts now untouched by its activity, creation of a series of standards for the testing of the various phases of the association's programs and the stressing of the necessity of volunteer cooperation and service of laymen in carrying on the work of the organization were urged in the final recommendations of the 25th annual convention of the Oregon and Idaho YMCA which closed its sessions here today.

The convention, attended by more than 1000 delegates from every branch of the association in the two states, has been in progress for the last two days.

Delegates to the international constitution convention were elected as follows:

Idaho, C. A. Barton of Boise; alternates, Walter Clear, Pocatello, and W. E. Graham, Boise; Oregon W. J. Kerr, Corvallis and W. W. Dillon, Portland; alternates, Frank Everhart, Eugene; C. E. Webster, Baker; A. L. Veazie, Portland, and Paul Wallace, Salem.

## FOSTER JURY IS COMPLETED. TRIAL STARTS

State's First Witness Tells of Raid on Communist Convention Held During August.

## HERRIN RIOT LAUDED BY RADICALS, SMITH

Convention Documents Sunk in Ground Alleged Traitorous Material.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., March 15.—(By The Associated Press)—William Z. Foster's trial on charges of criminal syndicalism is under way late today when Sheriff George Bridgeman of Berrien county, took the stand as the state's first witness and described how he, with a posse of 20 deputies, four federal agents and a member of the state constabulary, raided the communist convention held near here last August.

The jury was completed early this afternoon with one woman and 11 men seated to try Foster, first of the 76 persons alleged to have attended the convention, to go on trial. Nine of the jurors are farmers, one a grocer, one a crossing watchman and the twelfth a housewife.

**Herrin Riot Feature**

C. L. Smith, assistant attorney general of Michigan, in his opening statement, declared the state would show that Foster had helped to organize, become a member and voluntarily assembled with the Communist party which taught and advocated the doctrine of crime, sabotage, violence and other unlawful methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing industrial or political reform.

Mr. Smith and Frank P. Walsh of New York, chief of counsel for Foster, clashed when the assistant attorney general declared the evidence would show that Herrin, Ill., mine war, in which more than 20 persons were killed, had been lauded at the convention as a "valiant defense" and that an official of the communist party attending the convention had declared the workers throughout the country must "take their guns and close down the scab mines and paralyze the state machinery by military action."

**Said Paternal Delegate**

Mr. Walsh objected to Mr. Smith referring to the Herrin killings as "murders" and contended that in the only completed case growing out of the affair the defendants were acquitted.

Judge Charles White ruled that the attorney general said he had the documents to support his statement. It was admissible.

Mr. Smith described the speech the state claims Foster delivered to the convention and repeated a part of it, in which he said Foster described a union meeting at Chicago which was debating the question of buying an automobile for its business agent.

A substitute motion to buy a bicycle was presented when one member demanded to know how a "business agent" can throw bricks through windows from a bicycle.

Mr. Walsh on his opening statement said the defense would "endeavor to show that Foster attended the convention as a fraternal delegate and did not hold a card or pay dues to the communist party."

The evidence will bring out, Walsh told the jurors, that a government secret agent, Francis Morrow, alias Ashworth of Camden, N. J., was a delegate to the convention and that Morrow was one of the active leaders in the extreme radical wing which opposed the move, and that the motion was defeated by one vote.

"The deciding vote against it was cast" Mr. Walsh said, "by this representative of the secret service of the United States."

**Documents Buried**

Morrow, who was arrested at the time of the raid but later released when he established his identity as a government secret service agent, is to be a witness for the state in the trial here.

Mr. Smith, in his statement, declared the prosecution is not aimed at the beliefs of Foster or Foster as a "labor agitator."

## RICH LIQUOR CARGO TAKEN FROM STEAMER

Haul Made by Federal Officers at Tacoma Said to Be Worth \$150,000.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—Narcotics estimated by federal officers to be worth \$150,000 were seized on the steamship Del Rosa at a focal dock today by inspectors of the customs department. This is the largest seizure of the kind at this port and is believed by the officers to have been one of the largest ever made on the coast.

She recounted three marriages, her unhappiness, an attempt at suicide and her stay under Pettit's roof as hostess of the tavern. Mrs. Wells said she was introduced to Pettit in a New York police court where she had gone to identify a man who had stolen jewelry from the ship.

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