

# DRUNKEN MAN MURDERS TRIO

### West Virginian Sets Forth With Death List and Loaded Shotgun

ROMNEY, W. Va., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Seeking vengeance, authorities believe, upon those who had sent him to jail, an intoxicated man set forth with a shotgun and a "death list" here today killing three men and wounding two women and a child.

Walter Crabtree, the killer, who was released from the county jail two weeks ago after serving a sentence for possessing liquor was held tonight in a cell at Keyser, in an adjoining county, authorities fearing the possibility of violence.

Sheriff J. B. Saville, who said Crabtree was intoxicated when arrested expressed doubt the man was crazed by liquor. He believed Crabtree sought out his victims in revenge for his incarceration.

On Crabtree's person, the sheriff said, a list of names including those of two of the men slain, was found. This was regarded by Saville as a "death list," which Crabtree had intended to complete by adding the sheriff and former Sheriff Joseph Ruckman to his victims.

The slayer first visited the home of Asa Wolford, 28, and killed him as he sat at the bedside of a sick father. The killer then shot and slightly wounded Mrs. Grace Wolford, mother of the man slain, and Mrs. Carrie Wright, a visitor.

County authorities could not explain why Wolford was shot. They believed, however, the slayer might have mistaken him for another man, as his name was not on the "death list."

### Eleven Year Old Girl Slightly Wounded

From the Wolford place, Crabtree went to the home of Mrs. Blaine Holt where he shot and slightly wounded Mildred Holt, 11. The reason for Crabtree's attack on this home likewise was a mystery.

Crabtree next went to the home of Justice of Peace H. C. Inskeep, 50, the sheriff said. Inskeep, who had figured in Crabtree's arrests, was called to his door and killed.

The last victim was Ben E. Miller, county jailer, who was summoned from his quarters at the jail and slain.

Crabtree returned to his home after shooting Miller, the sheriff said, but set out again. He went to the home of Dr. J. S. Easton, where the physician was treating Mrs. Wright. When a knock at the door was unanswered, Crabtree fired through the door, investigators said.

Crabtree was arrested about an hour later at his home by the sheriff and a state policeman. He offered no resistance.

### WINS PRIZE



Evelyn Matteson of Grundy County, Illinois, was awarded the grand prize for dressmaking with a green organdie gown which she displays for the camera at the International Live Stock Exhibition at Chicago.

were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bear, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bond, Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Witzell, Prof. and Mrs. D. S. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Peetz, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Riches, Mr. and Mrs. L. Theissen.

### SKIDDING CAR IS UPSET IN DITCH

TURNER, December 18.—While Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Little and Miss Little's brother Richard Walker were returning from Salem Monday when near the turn at the Herron place their auto for some unknown reason began skidding.

Setting the brakes made a bad situation worse, with the result that the machine landed upside down across a shallow ditch by the road side.

The occupants narrowly escaped serious injury on account of the ditch they were enabled to crawl out of the wreck. The top of the machine was broken beyond repair. Friends passing took Mr. and Mrs. Little and Mr. Walker to their home two miles southeast of Turner.

# HAITI INQUIRY IS SUPPORTED

### House of Representatives is In Favor of President Hoover's Idea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Approval of President Hoover's recommendation that a commission investigate conditions in Haiti was given today by the house.

Action on the proposal moved to the senate where a vote is not expected until after the Christmas holidays due to the absence of many senators from the city.

The house accepted the resolution sponsored by Representative Porter, republican, Pennsylvania, without a record vote. It also adopted an amendment by Representative Alaband, democrat, Alabama, to provide that the commission of seven, to be appointed by the president, report to congress as well as to the chief executive within six months.

Action was taken on the meas-

ure at almost the time a report was received that the 500 marines ordered by President Hoover to Haiti to reinforce the 700 stationed there during recent disorders were being returned to this country without having gone farther than Cuba.

Opposition to the measure was led by Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama. The racial question injected into the three hour debate by Representative Fish, republican, New York, who suggested that two negroes be appointed to the commission.

This suggestion was approved by Representative De Priest, negro, republican, Illinois, who made his first speech from the well of the chamber.

Gratification Expressed At Fish's Suggestion "I was very pleased at the suggestion made by the gentleman from New York," De Priest said, "when he recommended that one or two members of the commission should be from the racial group that I am identified with and I am not surprised to hear other gentlemen object to it."

Representative O'Connor, republican, Oklahoma, asked Huddleston his reaction to Fish's proposal. The Alabaman said he was sorry the "racial problem had been injected" in the consideration of the resolution but expressed the opinion that it would not be fair

to the negroes to appoint one or two on the commission even though there were many qualified to act.

### Knee Is Injured

VALSETZ, December 18.—Sunday, Evelyn Potterfield while trying to split kindling, cut her right leg near the knee. The gash was quite deep but the doctor only used two stitches when sewing up the wound.

# CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT STAYTON

STAYTON, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Following the gymnasium class of the Women's Community club Tuesday evening a Christmas party was held. The affair was in charge of Mrs. M. S. Hunt and

Mrs. H. J. Tate and was most enjoyable. A beautiful decorated tree and excellent refreshments were enjoyed as were the gifts given out by Santa Claus (Mrs. Elizabeth Crabtree), who was so good at the job that old Nick would have been jealous had he seen her. Needless to say it was an evening of fun for the twenty or more members who were present.

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# Brush Creek to Have Program

SILVERTON, Dec. 18.—Brush Creek school is preparing a very interesting program to be given at its school building Monday evening of next week.

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# 2 AUMSVILLE MEN TAKEN ON TUESDAY

STAYTON, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Two popular Aumsville men passed away within a few hours of each other and both bodies are at the Weddle mortuary here. T. W. Johnston who for many years conducted a drug store and the postoffice was the first one to go. He had been in poor health for about six months, and the end came on Tuesday while enroute to the hospital here. On Wednesday about 1 p.m. Charles Ransom, a retired merchant of Aumsville, passed away. He had been ill about two weeks with pneumonia and complications. The death of the men who were so well thought of is a great shock to the community.

### Turner People Go to Marion

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