

MAN IS KILLED IN KU KLUX KLAN RAID

MEDFORD CANCELS GAME WITH ASHLAND

CLEANUP IN OIL FIELDS IS RESISTED

Masked and Armed Citizens
Raid Smackover Oil Fields
in Louisiana—Tarring and
Feathering Starts Gun Play
'Lawless Element' Object of
Lawless Attack.

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 29.—One man was killed in a clash of citizens seeking to enforce better order against what they described as the "lawless element" in the Smackover oil fields in Ouachita county Arkansas last night, according to a report reaching the sheriff's office at Camden, Ark. Chief Deputy Sheriff J. B. Newton said over the telephone today.

Before leaving for the scene of the fight with the deputies early today Sheriff Ed Harper of Camden said all wires were cut in the Smackover region and he was without accurate information as to the number of fatalities resulting from the battle between 200 hooded "vigilantes" and oil field workers and gamblers.

The sheriff's statement follows: "I understand that the invaders who visited the town along Smackover creek after parading in the town of Smackover last night at ten o'clock were members of the Ku Klux Klan. They were at least hooded and wore white robes. Their purpose, I am sure, was not to precipitate a battle, but to clean up the oil field region.

"The battle, in reality, occurred at what is known as Patagonia and after they paraded in Smackover they started to several oil field villages in the Patagonia region and were met with armed resistance. That part of the oil fields is a wooded country and the battle was fought from behind trees and rocks and there are perhaps many dead as a result, but all reports received by me are that no one was killed."

Persons reaching Eldorado, Ark., from the Texas Smackover creek declared over the telephone today that there were no fatalities among the "vigilantes" but that several oil field men were wounded. They reported the fight was precipitated by the tarring and feathering of a man.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Charges that the Ku Klux Klan is already a feature in Chicago's municipality and aims at ultimate control of all elective offices, were made Monday by Robert E. Sheppard, treasurer of the American Unity league, in a statement announcing a "campaign to awaken the community to the peril of Ku Kluxism."

"The klansmen have a ward and precinct organization that is functioning as any political machine," Sheppard asserted. "Each ward has two supervisors, who are in general charge of all activities. Under them are the precinct captains, and in the last election there were few precincts without Klan workers."

Bertram G. Christie, said to have played a prominent part in the Klan's victory in the Texas senatorial fight, has been in Chicago for several months, perfecting the local Klan machine.

SEATTLE, Nov. 29.—The glands of James E. Mahoney, who is to be hanged Friday in the Washington state penitentiary for the murder of his elderly and wealthy wife, Kate Moores Mahoney, whose body was found in a trunk at the bottom of Lake Union, are for sale to the highest bidder, according to a dispatch from Walla Walla.

The prison physician has offered the glands setting \$1,000 as a minimum bid and declaring them a bargain because the doomed man is in perfect physical condition. It is stated that the glands, if sold, will be transferred immediately after death.

Ask Legislature for More Money to War On Local Fruit Pests

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 29.—Fruit growers of the state will go before the legislature in January and ask for large appropriations with which to conduct a scientific fight against fruit pests. This was announced here by C. A. Park, president of the state horticultural board.

During the past four years Mr. Park said, the fruit growers have received only \$15,000 annually. He declared that larger appropriations would be necessary if the fruit industry of Oregon is to be preserved.

TWO CHILDREN LOSE LIVES IN SCHOOL BLAZE

Two Dead and 28 Injured
When Frame School House in Georgia Burns Down—
Building Condemned As Fire Trap—Teachers Are Heroes

COVINGTON, Ga., Nov. 29.—Two dead and 28 injured was the toll taken in the burning of the High Point school house near here yesterday when the building in which 99 children were engaged in studies, was destroyed by fire. A careful check today showed that all the others had been accounted for and identified. The dead were James Steele, little son of John J. Steele, and the eight year old son of Charles Bachelor.

These pupils were in the room of Mrs. Oscar Grant, who heroically stood by the window and dropped forty children to the ground before the floor of her room gave way and she was engulfed in flames. She was unable to save the two boys who were lost in the smoke. Investigation today showed 17 of the children were suffering from broken limbs as the result of the twenty foot drop.

COVINGTON, Ga., Nov. 29.—Searching parties continued today to comb the debris of the burned High Point community school house for the bodies of twelve children reported missing after a fire yesterday afternoon which destroyed the building and cost, according to school officials, the lives of three children, burned fifteen seriously and painfully injured thirty-five. One teacher was also seriously burned, probably fatally.

The three bodies already recovered from the ruins have not yet been positively identified. School authorities early today were endeavoring to re-check the list of injured in hopes of lowering the missing number. Practically all of the children most seriously burned are said to be under ten years of age. Two of those who are believed to have lost their lives were eight years of age.

There were 128 pupils registered in

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COUZENS IS APPOINTED U. S. SENATOR

Detroit Mayor Named By Michigan Governor to Succeed Senator Newberry—
New Senator Got Start As Ford Executive—High Reputation As Business Man.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 29.—Mayor James Couzens of Detroit was today appointed by Governor Alexander J. Broeck as United States senator to fill the unexpired term of Senator Truman H. Newberry, resigned.

Mayor Couzens has accepted the appointment, the governor said. The governor announced that Mr. Couzens who has gained nation-wide prominence through his municipal railway venture in Detroit, would take his seat in the senate as soon as his Detroit affairs could be arranged.

"Mr. Couzens becomes senator with not a single string attached," the governor said. "He made no promises; I exacted none."

Mr. Couzens will have no earnest co-operation and support in what he undertakes at Washington for the best interests of this commonwealth. If at any time he should ask my advice or assistance it will be given freely and gladly. He is at liberty to take or refuse it."

Appointment of the Detroit mayor to the senate is seen in political circles as definitely exploding the belief previously advanced in some quarters that the governor himself would be a candidate for the senate for the full term at the 1924 general elections.

Mr. Couzens, it is generally expected here, will be a candidate for the full term.

Born in Canada. Mayor Couzens was born in Chatham, Ont. fifty years ago. Reputed to have a fortune of many millions, he started his career as a "newsie" on a passenger train. In 1902 he became associated with Henry Ford in the manufacture of automobiles in Detroit, taking a position as bookkeeper. When he severed his connection with the company in 1915 he was vice-president and treasurer.

Mr. Couzens won the reputation of a free giver through numerous gifts to the city's institutions. The community fund receives from him annually \$100,000. He has established homes and settlement houses. His largest gift was early this year when he pledged \$5,000,000 to a children's hospital which is to treat crippled children without cost.

PENDLETON ENJOYS FIRST SNOWFALL

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 29.—Farmers were welcoming the first snow of the autumn of 1922 which fell last night and today. The total precipitation was .1 of an inch, but more snow was expected tonight. The air was warm, the maximum temperature being 43 and the minimum 31. The ground is in good condition to receive the moisture, say wheat growers.

Harding Urges Strict Dry Law Enforcement

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By Associated Press.) Attention of federal authorities throughout the country has been officially called to the necessity of co-operating closely with prohibition enforcement agencies, with a view to curbing the extensive violations of the statutes.

Federal attorneys have been instructed to push all pending liquor cases, and to suggest when proper the imposition of the heaviest penalties of conviction. Their attention was specifically called to reports that some cereal beverage manufacturers were marketing a product of illegal alcoholic content.

Captain Red Barron and Fiancee to Marry on Thanksgiving Day



Georgia Tech halfback with his fiancée, Miss Alice Evans, whom he is to marry on Thanksgiving day when the famous Red leads his team against Auburn for the last game of his football career. They are both from Newnan, Georgia, where they were childhood playmates. Red Barron's work on the gridiron last year brought him national prominence and he has been the sensation of the strong Georgia Tech teams this year.

MEDFORD SEVERS ATHLETIC RELATIONS WITH ASHLAND BUT PLAY HERE TOMORROW

As a result of the "unsportsmanlike attitude" of the Ashland high school faculty in protesting the eligibility of two of Medford's best football players, Medford has broken off athletic relations with the Granite City, cancelled the game with Ashland scheduled for tomorrow and a game with Forest Grove has been arranged, to be played on the Medford grounds.

The protest was filed shortly after the Armistice Day game but no copy of it was sent to Medford as is always done by high school officials under such circumstances. The complaint filed states that Baughman and Neff are ineligible to play football for Medford for various technical reasons none of which have any foundation, according to Medford school officials. The protest did not arrive in Medford until yesterday.

Representatives of the Medford high school will have to go to Salem on Dec. 9th to state their case before a tribunal and prove that Neff and Baughman are eligible.

The Ashland faculty evidently believed that Medford would not cancel the game when the protest had been delayed until the last minute. Their surmise was wrong, however, and one of the fastest and best teams in the northern part of the state has accepted the engagement and will play here tomorrow evening and arriving here tomorrow morning at 9:17.

It is reported that the Forest Grove team has laid claim to the championship of the state along with Corvallis and other northern schools. A real game between two equally matched teams is promised for tomorrow and a large crowd is expected.

Superintendent A. G. Smith of the Medford schools states that he is disgusted with Ashland's attitude and that all athletic relations with Ashland will be severed until they prove that they can meet defeat in the same manner with which they would meet victory. He urges every loyal Medford citizen to attend tomorrow's game here and see a real contest between two clean playing, hard fighting teams. The game will be called at 2 p. m. sharp.

AMBASSADOR CHILD SEES ISMET PASHA

LAUSANNE, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Richard Washburn Child, principal American representative at the Near East conference, called on Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, at the latter's hotel today and had a long conference with him concerning American interests in Turkey especially those of an educational nature.

Ismet is anxious the American schools and colleges remain in Turkey and is giving every assurance that the Ankara government will afford protection to such institutions and refrain from all participation in domestic politics.

Many of the American educational institutions in the heart of Anatolia still are in operation.

Clemenceau Mixes His Art With Visit To the Stockyards

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Abbattoir and art were the high spots on the program Georges Clemenceau picked for his day of rest in Chicago.

Rising early, feeling exceedingly spry and chipper after his address at the auditorium last night, the Tiger expressed his determination to see one of Chicago's famous packing plants in operation.

After receiving a delegation of Boy Scouts he motored to the stockyards and went thru the big Armour plant from start to finish.

M. Clemenceau was to visit the art galleries this afternoon.

HOUSE PASSES SHIPPING BILL VOTE 208-184

Govt. Aid to Merchant Marine Extended By Lower House—
70 Republicans Opposed, 4 Democrats Vote 'Yes'—
Now Up to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The administration ship bill to extend government aid to the merchant marine was passed by the house. The vote on final passage was 208 to 184 with two voting present.

Immediately after passage of the bill by the house, Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee called a meeting of his committee for next Monday to begin its consideration, and expressed the belief that little time would be needed by the committee with prospects of speedy presentation of the bill to the senate.

Approximately seventy republicans voted against the bill and four democrats voted for it.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The house eliminated from the shipping bill today the Edmonds amendment relating to the sale of liquor on American ships thereby striking out of the measure all reference to liquor carrying on vessels.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Attacking the administration shipping bill in the house today, Representative Andrew, republican of Massachusetts from the Gloucester district declared the measure still offered "a dangerous precedent," which if adopted will wound us for years to come.

Opposing the bill as republican leaders were speeding it toward the point of passage, the speech attracted unusual interest since Mr. Andrew represents a district in one of the principal maritime states.

"No member wants to see a bill put through which involves a large expenditure of public money," he said.

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PRESIDENT IS INVOLVED IN R.R. DIVORCE

S. P.-U. P. Tangle Reaches Higher Ups of Administration—
White House Deluged With Appeals—Legal Phase Complicates Problem—Cal. Canners Oppose Unmerger

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Discussions among government officials regarding the proposed separation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific have developed indications the question may take wider scope than the present hearings now being held before the inter-state commerce commission.

The committee, as part of its general scheme for consolidation of railroads, is taking testimony as to whether the two roads should not be continued as one system despite the decree of the supreme court ordering them separated. Consideration of the question has by no means been confined to the commission members, however, several executive departments having been singled out by both sides to the controversy for a bombardment of briefs, letters, memorials and petitions.

Some of President Harding's advisers were said today to have been convinced that an early execution of the supreme court's decision requiring the separation can only be halted by action of the interstate commerce commission should an impartial survey indicate that public interest would be harmed by a disruption of existing trunk carrier facilities.

Supreme Court vs. I. C. C. Inclusion by the inter-state commerce commission of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific is one of the major consolidations which was said to be one of the possibilities presented. This would bring up at once, however, according to legal authorities, the question of whether the authority of the inter-state commerce commission to include the two lines in the same consolidation would take precedence over the supreme court order. Some authorities hold that the public would suffer in the premises.

Proceedings as to the form of the mandate to be issued by the federal district court in Utah in carrying out the higher court's decision was seen also as offering a second possible opportunity to afford relief. It is understood that the Utah court will hold hearings early in December in connection with this mandate in which the department of justice and the interested railroads will participate.

Officials Reticent There have been conferences at the department this week on the subject of the mandate, but officials here maintain extreme reticence on every phase of the Southern Pacific case admitting only that the government recognizes its extreme importance to

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TWO KILLED, 2 WOUNDED IN FIGHT BETWEEN POLICE AND BANK BANDITS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 29.—(By Associated Press.) A special grand jury was called for today to investigate a fight here yesterday between four bandits and two policemen, resulting in the death of one policeman and the wounding of another, the death of one gunman and the capture of two others. One of the latter has been bound over to the grand jury on a charge of first degree murder.

The fourth member of the bandit gang remained at large but poses who were searching the wooded country 20 miles southwest of the city where two of the men were taken, believed his capture was imminent.

The dead gunman remains unidentified. The man held for the grand jury gave the name of Loomis C. Cummins, 26. He confessed, according to police, that he was a member of the party. The second man under arrest, who said he was James Martin, alias Slim Brady, lies in a hospital wounded in the head by a bullet fired from his own gun in an attempt at suicide when he saw his capture was inevitable.

All of the men, according to Cummins' confession, planned to rob a bank at Aurora, Ind. Cummins told police that all of the gang formerly had been employed by a detective agency as guards at coal mines in the Pittsburgh district.