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CYCLOPS OF BASTROP TO HAVE TALK

Capt. Skipworth, Identified As Nightrider, Asks for Conference With Officials—Mayor of Mer Rouge Testifies—Kelly Harp Clings to Klan Oath—Threatening Letters Made Public.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 12.—State's attorneys announced early today that Captain J. K. Skipworth, exalted cyclops of the Morehouse parish Ku Klux Klan, has requested a conference with Attorney General Cocco and his assistants in connection with the hooded band atrocities in this parish.

Captain Skipworth is said to have requested the conference in order to go into the full details of the operation of the Morehouse Klan since its organization and at the same time to establish that the operations of the hooded band were not under the supervision of the Klan.

Assistant Attorney General Guion confirmed the report that Captain Skipworth had made overtures to the attorney general's staff and said that his request would be granted. No date was fixed for the conference, it was said. It was probable it would be held immediately.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 12.—Robert T. Dade, mayor of Mer Rouge, today named Dr. B. M. McKoin, Captain J. K. Skipworth, Kelly Harp and Ed Ivey as members of a Ku Klux band which held up and disarmed Watt Daniel, W. C. Andrews and Harry Neells, Mer Rouge citizens, near the Village of Gallion, La., several months ago in the kidnapping and murder of Daniel and Thomas F. Richard last August.

"What was the purpose of the trip?" George S. Guion, assistant attorney general asked. "We started up to investigate a report that a negro was running a gambling house in which white persons were permitted to gamble with negroes."

"Did you find that condition to exist?" "No, the house was dark." Bringing his narrative to the holding up of the three men, Dade continued:

"Neells, Daniel and Andrews had stopped their automobile up the road and were sitting in the car. Some of the men approached and asked them who they were."

"Were they whipped?" "No, there was no violence, but their guns were taken away from them."

"Was there anything else contemplated or suggested?" "There was some talk of giving them a whipping, but I said 'fellows, that will not do. I have known those boys all the time and I cannot stand for that.'"

Dade said the men were lectured. "Who gave them a lecture?" "Captain Skipworth."

"What kind of a lecture?" "A moral one on drinking and gambling."

"Did Kelly have anything to say?" "He spoke his mind. He said they were his friends and he did not want to see them punished."

"How was the party organized to go on this gambling crusade?" "I ran into them in front of the bank in Mer Rouge. They asked me to go with them. They were in three automobiles."

"Where did you get your hood and gown?" "Edward Ivey gave it to me. He used to live in Bastrop. He had an extra gown in his car. There were some men in the cars. There were Laurie Cathoun was there. I believe."

"Did they pick up anybody else in Mer Rouge?" "Yes, sir, Dr. McKoin."

Harvard Head Firm In Upholding Stand On Negro Exclusion

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—President Lowell of Harvard university in a letter to Roscoe Conkling Bruce, prominent negro graduate of the university, published in the New York World today, defends the exclusion of negro students from freshmen dormitories.

Mr. Lowell declares that while the negro is entitled to the same opportunity for education as the white man "we do not owe it to him to force him into white circles where they are not congenial."

Mr. Bruce's recent request that a room be reserved in the freshman hall for his son who is preparing to enter Harvard was denied.

OLD FOES UNITE TO KEEP MEMEL FROM LITHUANIA

Prussian Territory on Baltic Is Scene of New Row—German Police Fired Upon—French and British Fleets En Route—Allies Protest.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French and British governments are preparing to send warships to Memel, the former east Prussian territory of the Baltic internationalized by the treaty of Versailles with the purpose of maintaining order, in view of the invasion by the Lithuanians. Dispatches received by the French foreign office today indicate that the Lithuanian irregulars, who crossed the frontier earlier in the week have reached the outskirts of Memel and exchanged shots with the German guard.

The large lumber port at Memel which has been under temporary authority of a directorate composed of Germans since the signing of the Versailles treaty, has no other military protection than a couple of hundred French soldiers, part of a battalion, sent there during the peace negotiations of 1919.

While the Germans predominate in the town, the Lithuanians are in far greater number in the immediate outlying districts and there are fears in French official circles that the irregulars may overwhelm the local force and create a difficult situation.

The French and the British have made a diplomatic protest to the Lithuanian government at Kovno. The reply was that every effort was made to prevent the irregulars from crossing the frontier.

Latest reports, however, indicate that a rather strong force has not only succeeded in crossing the frontier but has reached the town.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The curious spectacle of the French and Germans fighting a common enemy on the frozen shores of the Baltic is expected from today's developments in the topsy-turvy European situation as a result of the Lithuanian advance on Memel. The Memel police, composed for the most part of Germans and French troops, entrenched in the outskirts, will resist the Lithuanian raiders, according to advices received here.

The British government has associated itself with the French in protesting to Lithuania against the advance on Memel and a British cruiser has been dispatched there.

MOON TO SWING TWIXT EARTH AND VENUS IN MORNING; INVISIBLE HERE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 12.—Harvard astronomers made arrangements today for observations of the darkening of Venus tomorrow morning when the moon will swing between that planet and the earth. This occultation will be visible in most parts of the country.

San Francisco will see nothing of the spectacle which will take place below the horizon there. Venus and the moon now are at most at their nearest point to the earth, and Venus is only a fortnight removed from the period of its greatest brilliancy.

As seen through a telescope, the eastern sky will show two thin crescents in conjunction, that of the moon nearest the earth. To the unaided eye Venus will appear to hang like a bright spot on the moon, first on the eastern limb of the crescent, and as it emerges in contrast with the darkened limb.

Iowa's Preacher-Hangman Sheriff Now in Bad as Booze Robber and Bootlegger



DES MOINES.—Overwhelmingly defeated for Congress, deprived of his pulpit and stared at with morbid curiosity everywhere he goes because he has hanged two men, Polk county's soldier-preacher-sheriff, Winfred E. Robb, will continue to preach "Universal Love" from every pulpit and lecture platform that is open to him.

Robb, a wartime chaplain overseas, and a Democrat, was carried into office on a high tide of popular acclaim in the year of the Republican landslide. Then the tide turned. It became his duty to hang Eugene Weeks and Orrie Cross, who murdered an aged grocer, George Fosdick, and terrorized his motherless daughter, Mary.

Robb refused to turn the job over to a deputy, and gave up his pastorate to avoid embarrassing the congregation. Many of his former friends deserted him. He received a crushing defeat for Congress. But he insists his faith in humanity has not weakened.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, Robb was arrested in Des Moines, Iowa, charged with the theft of \$20,000 worth of booze, and also was accused of selling 70 quarts of liquor to a wealthy Des Moines citizen.

AMERICA TO BE FRIENDLY TO DO NOTHING ABROAD

Sees No Hope for Early Action, and Administration to Let Europe Do Own Thinking and Settling—German Protest on Occupation Ignored.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Developments in the reparations crisis, in which further complications loom with the declaration of Germany that she is "not in a position to make actual reparations to those powers" participating in the Ruhr occupation, found the American government today apparently still without hope of any immediate opportunity for helpfulness in the situation.

A course dictated by the friendliest sentiments toward France as well as the other allied powers has been and will continue to be followed.

In the meantime, it is the administration's purpose, it was said authoritatively, to avoid any action that might further complicate matters or lead to needless misunderstandings. In this connection it was reiterated that there was no immediate intention of recalling Roland W. Bowden, American unofficial observer, in the reparations commission, despite agitation in congress for his return.

Holding the Ruhr occupation to be "in contradiction of the treaty of Versailles and international law," the German government in a formal protest left at the state department late yesterday by Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt. The German ambassador declared that as long as the alleged violations obtained "Germany is not in a position to make actual reparations to those powers who have brought about this state of affairs."

TWO CITIES CURB KLAN DOINGS

SEATTLE NOT AS BAD AS STATED

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—The King county grand jury which has been in session for the last six weeks investigating alleged vice epidemics in Seattle, returned a report late yesterday afternoon in which it was declared that law enforcement conditions in the city "are not worse than at certain times in the past" and that general charges "along the line of vice" were exaggerated.

ALBANY, Ga., Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Use of the municipal auditorium for a big public meeting announced by the Rev. Roy E. Davis, official spokesman of the Ku Klux Klan in this section of the state, for Friday night, was denied by the mayor and council at a called meeting today.

Seed Sending Graft In Congress Ends After This Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Free seeds today received a final death blow in the senate and the little packets for the garden and flower beds, mailed annually by members of congress to their constituents will stop after next year.

On a point of order by Speaker Lodge, the senate rejected an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill by Senator Hefflin, democrat, Alabama, to provide \$260,000 for continuation of the free seed distribution. The Amendment recently was beaten in the house.

RUM FLEET SNEERS AT VOLSTEAD

Thousands of Cases of Liquor Are Landed As Customers Flock to Bargains—Big Supply for Eastern Cities—Wealthy Ring Backs Violations—Dry Aides Helpless

HIGHLANDS, N. J., Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The great rum fleet of 22 vessels which bobbed up yesterday off Sandy Hook while the New York dry naval squadron was being re-organized, was still standing off the Ambrose channel lightship today, ready for business as usual.

While prohibition forces were taking to New York four small boats captured last night, while attempting to land liquor from the mother ships, the rest of the welcoming fleet of fifty were preparing to race back and forth between the rum carriers and shore.

Although observers ashore estimated that thousands of cases had been landed last night, the rum fleet presumably hailing from the Bahamas, had a vast stock still to dispose of to bidders, putting out from this resort and other places along the coast. Liquor landed last night was reported to have been sent by motor truck to New York, Philadelphia, Washington and other cities.

Whiskey, gin, champagne and wine all were offered for sale, and keen competition has developed among the skippers of the rum ships.

As the bootlegger runs alongside in his power boat, he scans signs hung over the sides of the mother ships and decides from which he will purchase. The signs inform the bottle fishermen that Scotch whiskey of such and such a brand may be had at \$42 to \$48 a case. Rye was quoted at \$35.

Champagne was higher. The sea began to take on an appearance of a bargain counter.

The visiting flotilla flies the flags of many nations and the crews are of all races. The vessels are loaded to the gunwales with liquor.

"I saw 5000 cases in one pile on one boat," declared a grebehead runner who brought his boat safely past the coast guard and revenue craft last night. "You can get anything you want. Cheap, too."

Bootlegging circles here display no fear, despite the capture of four of their best boats last night. Thousands of cases moved out of the town all night by motor truck and passenger car. The last left this morning in five big motor vans—1000 cases.

One man who escaped capture last night by jumping ashore was ready today to take another of his boats out to the rum fleet.

"What do I care for the boat last night," he said laughing. "The pool will pay me insurance for both boat and cargo."

He refused to give details of the pool, admitted, however, that there was a powerful and wealthy runner.

FRANCE TO SEIZE TILL DEBT PAID

If Gold From Ruhr Light, Army Goes On—Germans Move Funds, French Rejoice, and British Public Gives Support—No Outbreaks in Occupied Zone.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—France at last has a grip on the "productive guarantees" she has sought from Germany, and has served notice, through her premier, she is prepared to extend her holdings if her economic occupation of Essen does not yield satisfactory results. It was understood here today, in fact, that another Ruhr zone would be subjected to "invisible occupation" within three days.

Premier Poincare, in his statement in the chamber of deputies yesterday warned the nations not to expect the opening of the Ruhr treasure house would be followed immediately by a flood of gold. He asserted it probably would be some time before the control commission's efforts would be noticeably productive.

The Ruhr banks, LeMatin says, have followed the example of the coal syndicate by removing their securities and most of their deposits. It is reported that most of these evasions have been foreseen and that measures have been prepared which will punish such acts and frustrate the Germans' purposes.

If the newspapers reflect public opinion yesterday was undoubtedly regarded as a real letter day by the majority of Frenchmen. No misgivings for France's step was noticeable, except among the radical critics of the government who do not believe that the firm policy of M. Poincare can have beneficial results.

The stock markets are nowhere affected unfavorably and the franc shows a tendency to increase in value.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—An unmistakable feeling of relief that the first 24 hours of France's Ruhr adventure had passed without a breach of the peace was evident here today. Although the French movement continues to be widely condemned and deplored, there is no general desire to see Great Britain's ally involved in conditions which would seriously add to her burdens. This view was reflected in some of the comments in the morning newspapers which mention with approval the conciliatory tone of General DeGoutte's proclamation to the Ruhr valley inhabitants. The newspapers also endorse such indication of British good will to France as this government's decision to allow the French troops to cross the British Rhine zone.

Although a majority of the press opposes any co-operation by Great Britain in the Ruhr it cannot be ignored that there exists in Great Britain a strong anti-German sentiment and it is unquestionable there would be considerable—if secret—popular satisfaction should France's contention that German is bluffing about her inability to pay be proved true by the outcome of events.

This attitude, which frequently finds expression in conversations among Englishmen today has the outspoken support of the Morning Post and the Daily Mail which wish the French success and reiterate an uncompromising distrust of the Germans.

organization here and that all of its members were protected against loss.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—An immediate report was demanded by prohibition officials here from the New Jersey headquarters concerning dispatches printed in this morning's papers describing the extensive landing of liquor smuggled in the New Jersey coast.

'DAY BY DAY' CURE OF DR. COUE FAILS IN EVERY WAY FOR BELIEVER

PITTSBURG, Jan. 12.—Emilio Coule's rhythmic "day by day" auto-suggestion cure, failed in every way so far as Harry Conway is concerned.

Conway was found dead in his room. Pencilled in large letters on a sheet of paper at the foot of his bed was:

"Day by day, in every way I'm getting better and better."