

The Weather

Table with weather predictions: Fair, Maximum yesterday 46, Minimum today 24.5

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Table with weather year ago data: Minimum 38, Maximum 12

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EX-SHERIFF LA. PARISH MURDERED

John P. Parker Shot On Bastrop Road Last Night By Carey Calhoun—Mystery Surrounds Crime—Calhoun's Family Mixed Up in Klan Activities.

MONROE, La., Jan. 20.—John P. Parker, Jr., former sheriff of Ouachita parish, who was shot on the Bastrop road fifteen miles from Bastrop last night by Carey Calhoun of Monroe, died at a local sanitarium here early today without having regained consciousness. The shooting of Parker is shrouded in mystery. Ouachita parish officials state that the shooting was not reported to them until after midnight and that no details were made known. They stated that there were no witnesses to the shooting so far as known. Calhoun, who is superintendent of the McGowan Brake Fishing and Hunting club near Sterlington, La., was arrested early today. "I was a personal friend of Jack Parker," Calhoun said. "I have known him since boyhood and we were friends for years. I hate the shooting as much as anybody else, but I have no statement to make as to it. All that I can say is that I am sorry."

Four hours Calhoun, who is well guarded at Monroe police headquarters, has spent his time in weeping because of the killing of his former friend. BASTROP, Jan. 20.—John H. Parker of Monroe, former sheriff of Ouachita parish was alleged to have been shot and seriously wounded last night near his home on the Bastrop-Monroe highway by Carey Calhoun of Monroe. According to the police Parker met Calhoun, said to have been a friend, in Monroe, and persuaded him to go to his plantation home. With Parker and Calhoun went Wess Saunders of Monroe. On the outskirts of Monroe Parker stopped at the home of a negro woman who cooks for him and Calhoun, and Saunders followed him. According to the police reports Parker and Calhoun, after they entered the house, began to quarrel regarding certain testimony given at the hearing here into masked band activities and the shooting followed. Saunders is said to have told the police he fell asleep after entering the place and did not know of the shooting until he was awakened by the negro woman. He also declared that both he and Calhoun had been drinking during the day, police said. A deputy sheriff left Monroe late last night to place Calhoun under arrest. Mixed in K. K. Activities Parker is the son of John P. Parker, Sr., whose name has been prominently mentioned in open hearings. Calhoun is a brother of Gus and Laurie Calhoun, both of whom have been mentioned repeatedly in connection with Klan activities. Calhoun was deputized to go to Baltimore to bring back Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, now on bond on charges of implication in the kidnaping of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard.

COST OF LIVING IN 31 CITIES DECREASED 1922

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The cost of living in 31 cities in which surveys were made decreased in twelve months period ending in December from 5.2 in Norfolk down to four-tenths of one per cent in Indianapolis, according to a report today by the department of labor. These decreases compare with declines of from 25.1 per cent in Savannah to 13.5 per cent in Los Angeles in the period from June, 1919, to December, 1922. Among the cities reporting showing decreases for the twelve months period were Denver 2.3; Los Angeles 1.00; San Francisco 2.9; Seattle 2.8 per cent.

RESIGNATION OF REV. PERCY S. GRANT IS DEMANDED BY BISHOP MANNING

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The reply of the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, to the letter addressed to him yesterday by Bishop William T. Manning, directing that Dr. Grant either correct the remarks he made in a sermon last Sunday or resign, probably will not be made until tomorrow, when he enters his pulpit for the forenoon sermon. Friends of Dr. Grant are said to hold the view he will either refuse to repudiate his statement in regard to Christ which was objected to, or resign, and that he will stand trial if charges of heresy are made against him. Bishop Manning's letter called upon Dr. Grant to "correct unmistakably the impression which you have publicly given of your disbelief of Our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and if it is not possible for you to do so then withdraw from the ministry of this church." The letter indicated a desire on the part of Bishop Manning to have the matter settled without recourse to a heresy trial if possible.

Max Linder, Famous French Movie Star, Is Fatally Injured

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Max Linder, French motion picture comedian, who made pictures here several months ago, was possibly fatally injured in the Swiss Alps recently when he was caught by an avalanche and swept 1,000 feet down a mountainside, according to advices received here. Linder is now in a hospital in Lausanne, suffering from fractures of both arms, internal injuries and possibly a broken neck.

SUPREME COURT KANSAS REFUS'S QUASH ACTION

TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 20.—The Kansas supreme court today overruled the motion to quash summonses served on alleged officers and members of the Ku Klux Klan in this state, citing them to appear in the state's outer suit against the Klan. The motion was filed December 20 by W. L. Wood of Kansas City, Kas., and Colonel J. S. Dean of Topeka, counsel for the Klan. The court allowed the Klan 20 days in which to file an answer to the original petition.

HARRISON, Ark., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—With eighteen indictments returned yesterday, about half of which were in connection with alleged depredations on the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad, the grand jury here today was to adjourn. The "citizens court" and the committee of 1,000 are not operating in connection with the grand jury, Circuit Judge J. M. Shinn said, and have no authority from the court.

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 20.—The Harris county grand jury which has been investigating the flogging at Goose Creek on January 5 of a man and a woman adjourned today for the week without returning any indictments. Both the flogging victims, Mrs. Audrey Harrison and R. A. Armand, have told their stories to the grand jury and two men have been arrested in connection with the case. One man was released on bond and an assault to murder charge and the other was released without any charge.

ELEVEN IRISHMEN ARE EXECUTED

DUBLIN, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eleven executions were carried out in Ireland today. Four persons were put to death at Tralee, five at Athlone and two at Limerick. These bring the total executions since last November 17, to 45.

BANK RESERVE INCREASES

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$17,136,440 in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$12,042,800.

K. K. LEADER DRAWN IN CRIME NET

Witness Swears He Saw Capt. Skipwith Talking to Masked Men After Raid—Skipwith's Son On Raiders' Car—Machine Identified As Smith Stevenson's.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—H. E. Blankenship testified today he had identified a Ford truck bearing Louisiana license tag No. 74657 as the truck he saw on August 24 in which Watt Daniel was a prisoner of hooded men. Blankenship said two of the masked men he recognized as Oliver Skipwith, youngest son of Captain J. K. Skipwith, head of the Morehouse parish Ku Klux Klan, and Smith Stevenson.

Blankenship was testifying at the open hearing into the Morehouse tragedy which involved the kidnaping and death of Daniel and Richard. "Were you in Bastrop August 24?" he was asked. "Yes." "Do you know anything of the kidnaping that day?" "Yes, sir, the cars passed my house that afternoon. When they passed I noticed Watt Daniel with his hands tied and blindfolded with other men in the truck. "Did you know the truck?" "Yes, sir." "Could you see its number?" "No, sir." "Did you look for it again?" "Yes, sir, and according to the various marks on it I was able to recognize it." "Did you take the number down that day?" "Yes, sir." "What is the number?" The witness produced a memorandum and read "74657," a 1922 tag. A telegram from C. H. Bailey in charge of the state motor vehicle bureau at Baton Rouge put in evidence by the attorney general, stated that the car was owned by Smith Stevenson of Bastrop. "Did you recognize anyone in the cars when they passed?" Blankenship was asked. "Yes, sir, I am positive, Oliver Skipwith and Smith Stevenson." "He (Skipwith) is a son of Captain Skipwith?" "Yes." "How did you recognize young Skipwith?" "By the clothes he had on. He was on the running board right close to me. Stevenson was driving the car. It was his car and from his appearance I am sure it was him." "In fact I am as sure of these men as I was of my own brothers." H. Blankenship testified that on August 17, the day T. E. Richard was kidnaped and released, Captain J. K. Skipwith, head of the Morehouse Klan, was one of the party which had him in charge. Richard, he said, was unmasked. Blankenship met Richard and his captors on the Monroe highway about seven miles from Bastrop. Harry Prophitt of Monroe, the next witness, testified he had seen Captain J. K. Skipwith on the night of August 24 shortly after he had heard of the kidnaping of Daniel and Richard. Skipwith, he said, was standing at the forks of the Monroe-Colliston road. He said Skipwith was unmasked, but was talking to a black-hooded man at the time.

ENTIRE FAMILY DIES IN FLAMES

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 20.—Eight persons perished in a fire in a five-story brick tenement here today. The dead are: Mrs. Lucia DeGloria, her four children, whose ages ranged from 5 to 19 years. Mrs. Mary S. Kelly. Joseph and Romanis Royska. Angelo DeGloria, father of the four children burned, was injured severely by jumping from an upper story when he was unable to save his family.

OREGON DAIRYMEN TO OPPOSE SUBSTITUTES

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 20.—Oregon state dairymen in convention here yesterday adopted a resolution endorsing prohibition of butter and milk substitutes in the state of Oregon. Hillsboro was selected for the next convention. J. J. Vankleek of Beaverton was elected president; Chester Mulcahy, McMinnville, first vice-president; C. W. Laughlin, Astoria, second vice president; P. M. Brandt, Corvallis, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. McKoin Attends Klan Probe Hearing



Dr. B. M. McKoin (with head bowed a bit) is pictured in the courtroom at Bastrop, La., where he is attending the probe into the alleged Ku Klux Klan outrages in Bastrop and Mer Rouge.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO KEEP ON JOB UNTIL MARCH

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—At a conference between Governor Pierce and the state highway commission here yesterday, it was agreed that the present commissioners will remain at their post until March at least, that Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, who presented his resignation today, would remain for the present and that the commission would proceed to let road work which is advertised for the March meeting. It was agreed.

MAN INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

D. Alexander, living near Beatty street was badly injured this morning about seven o'clock when the Ford car which he was driving was struck by the Chalmers car of J. M. Ellestad at the corner of Bartlett and Sixth streets.

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Dewey Jones Gets 25 Years in the Pen; Oregon Gets 20 Yrs.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 20.—Dewey Jones, convicted here of highway robbery, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Thomas to serve 25 years in the state penitentiary, Oregon Jones to 20 years and John Pike to three years. Pike was convicted of burglary. The Jones brothers were charged with having held up numerous tourists along the Pacific highway last summer. Oregon Jones pleaded guilty while Dewey Jones stood trial.

HUNTER'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL IS JURY'S VERDICT

The coroner's jury impaneled to investigate the tragic death of Ralph Teagle, age 25, Thursday, while a member of a hunting party in the Poots Creek district about eight miles from Gold Hill, returned a verdict this afternoon, holding that death was accidental. The verdict is as follows: "We, the coroner's jury, impaneled to investigate the death of Ralph Teagle, find that the said Ralph Teagle came to his death by gunshot wound, caused by an accidental rifle shot, said rifle being in the hands of J. W. Harrison, January 18, 1923, at about 1:20 p. m., in the Poots Creek district, Jackson county, Oregon."

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PRESIDENT EXPECTS TO BE AT DESK MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Harding has so far recovered today from his attack of grippe that he is hoped to be at his desk Monday. No engagements will be made for that day, however, as he has an accumulation of official papers awaiting his return. On the advice of his physician, the president spent most of the day lying down in his room.

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RUHR COAL BARONS FACE C'T MARTIAL

Fritz Thyssen and Other Coal Magnates Are Arrested By French—Bankers Who Refuse to Open Doors Also Face Arrest—Berlin Starts French Boycott.

ESSEN, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The concrete returns from France's ten days' occupation of the Ruhr valley briefly summarized are: "One hundred thousand tons of coal requisitioned and shipped to France. "Confiscation of six coke ovens and four mines, all state-owned. "Sequestration of the customs receipts and the collections amounting to about ten billion marks, from the Duesseldorf and Essen branches of the Reichsbank."

To achieve these results the French had recourse to various coercive measures, including the arrest of nearly a score of persons.

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German bankers in the Ruhr continued resistance to the French measures. The directors of the Duesseldorf branch of the Reichsbank refused to reopen that institution while French soldiers were on the premises. General De Goutte declined to withdraw the troops. Punitive action against the directors is forecast.

While there has been no general walkout of the Ruhr miners or railway men, considerable unrest is reported among them, and miners in some of the seized coal pits have quit work. Five thousand men at the Hecklinghausen mines are threatening to strike Monday.

The German railway workers in the Elberfeld district south of the occupied zone of the Ruhr decided to refuse to transport coal requisitioned by the French away from the valley.

Paris indicates satisfaction with the progress made in carrying out the occupation scheme. Confidence is expressed that the vast industrial machine in the Ruhr, which still is functioning, can be kept going despite the German resistance.

A boycott movement against French and Belgian nationals is reported from Germany. It is expected the example set by the Berlin hotel keepers in declaring a boycott will be followed all over the country.

Belgians Favor U. S. Withdrawal BRUSSELS, Jan. 20.—Belgian newspapers regarded the withdrawal of the American forces from Germany from Antwerp as a friendly act of courtesy.