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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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12 SHOT BY NEGRO WHO KILLS BOSS

Mississippi Colored Man Kills Three and Wounds Nine Before He Is Brought Down By Machine Gun—Three More Expected to Die—Debt Causes Tragedy.

DREW, Miss., Dec. 15.—This little village, nestled in the swamps of the Mississippi delta, awoke from its slumbers today and counted its dead—the human toll exacted yesterday in the spectacular gun battle between Joe Pullen, negro tenant farmer, and a posse of several hundred men. Four men, including the negro, lost their lives in the battle, which raged until one o'clock this morning when Pullen, riddled with bullets, was captured and brought here. Nine others were wounded, three of them possibly fatally. The dead: Joe Pullen, 40, negro farmer. W. T. Sanders, 45, his employer. R. L. Methvin, 55, policeman. E. O. Hess, 60, policeman. All of the wounded were members of the posse which battled with the negro for more than seven hours. The more seriously wounded are J. L. "Bud" Doggett, prominent lumberman and sportsman of Clarksdale, Miss.; A. L. Manning and Kenneth Blackwood, both farmers. Doggett was shot in the region of the heart but physicians said he has a chance to recover. Manning and Blackwood both were shot in the face and neck. Neither is expected to live. Others wounded: Luther Hughes, C. A. Hammond, Bob Stringfellow, J. B. Ratliff, B. A. Williams and Robert Kirsch. The trouble started shortly after noon yesterday when Sanders, on whose place Pullen lived, went to the latter's house to collect a debt. An argument ensued and the negro shot Sanders thru the heart, killing him instantly. Pullen was captured at one a. m. when four members of the posse discovered the negro's fire and stormed the ditch in which he had been entrenched for several hours. Headed by Sheriff Newt Cartledge of Clarksdale the party set up a machine gun which had been brought from Clarksdale and opened fire on the negro's stronghold. Fighting desperately to the end Pullen returned the fire with pistol and shotgun until he fell with twenty bullets in his body. He was brought here, where his body lay in the main street until he died at two o'clock. After shooting his employer, Pullen ran into his cabin, armed himself with a shotgun and fled into a swamp. A small posse was quickly formed and a systematic search for the negro begun. Pullen was sighted several times during the afternoon but each time he proved the better marksman. One by one he dropped his pursuers from ambush. By the time he had reached the drainage ditch the negro's deadly aim had shot down eleven members of the posse, which by this time had been increased to several hundred men. His twelfth victim was "Bud" Doggett, who was shot while assisting Sheriff Cartledge in placing the machine gun.

\$100 REWARD FOR FATE OF BRIDE

HARRISBURG, Ore., Dec. 15.—A reward of \$100 for information regarding the fate and present whereabouts of Mrs. Josephine Byers, young bride, reported to have been drowned in the Willamette river here last week has been posted by John Dombek of Aberdeen, Wash., the girl's father. Her brother Stanley, who is here seeking her, made the announcement of the reward.

PRESIDENT WRITES "PERSONAL" LETTER THANKING VOTERS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Coolidge has written a letter to Samuel Elrod, former governor of South Dakota, expressing his appreciation of the action of the recent South Dakota republican proposal convention in granting him the preferential presidential endorsement. The letter was described at the White House today as of more or less of a personal nature and its text was withheld. It does not state whether the president will enter the South Dakota primaries to be held on March 25 but a conference of some of those active in the Coolidge campaign with several South Dakota leaders will be held here Monday to arrange for the formal application to be forwarded to Elrod. Under the South Dakota law the candidate endorsed by the proposal convention must accept the endorsement given and file notice of intention to contest in the primary by January 1. Announcement also is expected Monday that Hoke Donithan of Marion, a close friend of the late President Harding has been selected to look after the Coolidge interests in Ohio. He was one of the Harding delegates from Ohio to the 1920 convention.

Here's Latest Thing in Insurance; Costs \$2 To Escape Recitation

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—A scheme in the classes of Professor Leslie J. Ayer, who teaches business law at the University of Washington, to insure his disciples against being called on to recite came to light today. The inventor of the scheme figured that in a class of 400 meeting thrice a week the chances of any individual having to answer questions were few. He offered for \$2 to pay the policy holder \$10 if he was called upon before the expiration of two weeks. He found many takers, it was declared, and made good profits.

WIFE OF RUPERT HUGHES SUICIDES IN INDO CHINA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Details concerning the reported suicide at Haiphong, Indo-China of Mrs. Adelaide Manola Hughes, were awaited today by her husband, Major Rupert Hughes, author, playwright and motion picture director who was informed of her death in a brief cablegram received at their home here last night. The message stated merely that Mrs. Hughes had committed suicide and asked instructions as to the disposition of her body. In commenting on the brief dispatch Major Hughes said his wife had long been battling disease and shattered nerves and "no one else knew the battles she had with storms of gloom which swept over her." Death came to Mrs. Hughes at the close of a journey marked by earthquake and typhoon. She left here last August on the advice of physicians, several months after undergoing an operation for cancer. A nurse accompanied her. En route to Yokohama she experienced the terrors of a typhoon and when earthquake shocks shattered Japan it was feared for a time she had perished. Word that she was saved reached here several days after the quake but the catastrophe is believed to have left its impression on her already weakened nerves. Mrs. Hughes was a Cleveland girl, daughter of the actress, Marion Manola. In her teens she played in her mother's company, and later appeared in her husband's plays. In 1908, as Mrs. Adelaide Mould, widow of mother of two children, she was married to Mr. Hughes at Jersey City. Besides Major Hughes her two children, Mrs. John Sanders of New York, and Ruth Hughes of Los Angeles, survive her. Her body will be brought to the United States for burial in Kensel county cemetery, Westchester, N. Y., according to present plans.

ASK STERILIZATION IN OREGON EXTENDED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—Investigation of milk pasteurizing plants throughout the state and of swimming pools will be made under direction given by the state board of health which concluded its twentieth annual meeting here yesterday. The members of the state board of health, acting as the state eugenics board, decided to seek modification of the state eugenics law so that sterilization of such cases outside of institutions as may require it would be possible. The present law permits such action only in certain cases in state institutions.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Two day when trapped in the office of the men were burned to death early in Federal Products company at Westwego, La., which was damaged by fire.

FARM BLOC WINS, DEAD LOCK OVER

House Fight Settled By Giving Wisconsin Insurgent a Place On Rules Committee—Senate Deadlock Still Holds, However—LaFollette Issues a Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—An agreement which may end the tussle in the house over committee assignments was reached today by republican and insurgent leaders. Negotiations also are under way to break the senate deadlock but the outcome remains doubtful. Under the agreement on the house side a republican insurgent was placed on the rules committee which directs the house legislative program and the democrats will be denied additional representation. By this arrangement the threat of a democrat-insurgent combination to overthrow the republican house committee slate appeared to have been averted, and the leaders predicted that the house would perfect its organization speedily and get down to the serious work of the session. In the senate a resumption of voting on the inter-state commerce committee chairmanship has been postponed until Monday, but there were many conferences in an effort to put an end to the deadlock brought about by the insurgents refusal to support Chairman Cummins for reelection. The insurgent bloc appeared determined to continue to support either one of its own number or Senator Smith of South Carolina, a democrat, for the chairmanship. The truce between the republican organization and the house insurgents was made possible by the willingness of Representative Tilson of Connecticut, republican, to give up the place assigned him on the rules committee so that Representative Nelson of Wisconsin or some other insurgent could be appointed to membership. The proposal was discussed at a meeting attended by Speaker Gillett, members of the steering committee, several of their organization leaders, Senators Nelson and Cooper of Wisconsin and Woodruff of Michigan, active in the insurgent movement. The house was in session only five minutes today and no mention was made on the floor of the rules committee fight. It apparently was the plan to bring in the committee slate for approval Monday. Later the house republicans at a conference formally voted to place Representative Nelson on the rules committee. Meantime a statement declaring the transportation act of 1920 to be "the broad issue" involved in the fight over the chairmanship of the senate interstate commerce committee was issued by Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, leader of the insurgent group. "The progressives regard the last election as a clear mandate from the people of the United States to this congress to enact without delay, new and just railroad legislation," he declared.

COUNTY RECALL IN NEWBERG PLANNED

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Dec. 15.—John U. Smith of Newberg, Ore., was appointed yesterday to organize a recall campaign against several county officials here at a meeting of taxpayers called to consider a report of a committee headed by Smith, which had investigated county affairs. Smith reported a number of alleged irregularities in the handling of county funds. He held here Monday to arrange for the formal application to be forwarded to Pierre. Under the South Dakota law the candidate endorsed by the proposal convention must accept the endorsement given and file notice of intention to contest in the primary by January 1. Announcement also is expected Monday that Hoke Donithan of Marion, a close friend of the late President Harding has been selected to look after the Coolidge interests in Ohio. He was one of the Harding delegates from Ohio to the 1920 convention.

OREGON POSTMISTRESS SENTENCED TO PRISON

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—Ila Pae Slack, who pleaded guilty today in federal court here to a charge of embezzlement and forgery of money orders while acting as assistant postmistress at Hildebrand, Ore., the amount involved being \$918, was sentenced by Federal Judge Bean to serve thirteen months in a federal penitentiary for women.

KU KLUX KLAN ATTORNEY WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH



Captain William S. Coburn, attorney of the Simmons or insurgent faction of the Ku Klux Klan, who was shot to death in his office in Atlanta, Ga., on the afternoon of November 5th by Philip E. Fox, publicity representative of the Imperial palace of the Klan.

WOMAN BEHIND K. KLUX MURDER CAUGHT IN TENN.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Margaret Weaver, a trained nurse, whose home is said to be in Cleveland, Ohio, under indictment on a charge of accessory before the fact in connection with the slaying of William S. Coburn by Philip E. Fox, is under arrest in Johnson City, Tenn., it was announced by a member of prosecution counsel at the trial of Fox here today. City Detective Hunt at the same time announced that he would go at once to Johnson City to bring Mrs. Weaver back to Atlanta where she is expected to testify. Mrs. Weaver is charged in the indictment with having accompanied Fox in an automobile to the building in which Coburn's office was located, a few minutes before the Klan publicity man shot and killed the Klan attorney.

ANOTHER TEST OF LODI MURDERER IS ORDERED BY BOARD

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 15.—The state board of prison directors issued an order last night directing Warden J. J. Smith to conduct another test of the spinal fluid of Alex Kels, the wealthy Lodi butcher sentenced to hang at Folsom prison on January 4 for the murder of an itinerant laborer. While Mrs. Anne Kels, wife of the condemned man, hailed the announcement of the board's action on the new test as a decisive victory in the fight she had been waging to save her husband from the gallows, the prison directors issued a statement that their order in no way was to be construed as an attempt to establish the mental condition of Kels, but merely done in an effort to appease the members of his family. This is taken to mean that there is little likelihood of the execution being delayed, even if the test shows a trace of contagious disease. The board members declared that it was impossible to determine insanity by the test ordered. Governor Richardson declared last night in an interview with a Sacramento Union reporter that he is fully confident that Kels is sane and that it would take the strongest kind of evidence to the contrary to induce him to interfere with the order of the court.

Death Toll of the Automobile

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 15.—Four sisters ranging in age from 19 to 16 years, were instantly killed when their automobile was struck by a train of the Canadian Pacific railroad at a grade crossing near here today. The dead were Gertrude, Hazel, Doris and Beulah Tompkins.

71 Seattle Gamblers Indicted

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Indictments charging 71 persons with gambling were returned today by a superior court grand jury that for a month has been investigating conditions in Seattle. The grand jury adjourned today.

NO DECISIVE BATTLE IN MEXICO YET

Rebel Strongholds Are Captured By Obregon Without Bloodshed—Big Battle Declared Imminent—Both Sides Claim Advantage—Federals Evacuate Puebla.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press.) Failure of the rebels to hold gains on the west coast of Mexico and the imminence of a conflict between the revolutionists and pursuing federals were reported in dispatches reaching here during the past 24 hours. The encounters reported have been without sanguinary results, the advices stated. Regaining of the city of Zacatecas without bloodshed from the rebels by General Garcia of the federal forces was reported by General Escobar, former Juarez garrison commander in a telegram to military headquarters here. The message said that General Garcia is moving toward Jalisco and the situation at Zacatecas was normal. The rebel stronghold in Jalisco is threatened by government forces who are pursuing the revolutionists driven Thursday from Tepic, according to official advices received at Nogales, Ariz. With only a short distance remaining between the opposing armies, a clash is expected momentarily. While Laredo advices said the General Bravo was to be taken to Vera Cruz by naval officers, now enroute to New Orleans, where the boat is in drydock, for the purpose of giving battle to the gunboat Zaragoza, which is in the hands of the rebels, the commander of the Bravo is quoted as saying that the vessel would not be able to leave New Orleans for at least a month, because of necessary repairs that remain to be made.

Rebels Capture R. R. Center

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 15.—Revolutionary headquarters announces the capture of Uruapan, state of Michoacan and of Acambaro, in Guanajuato. The latter is an important railroad center south of Celaya and its control will facilitate operations of the divisions commanded by Generals Estrada, Alvarado and Diezguiz. The last named general has been placed in command of nine cavalry regiments recruited in Guadaluajara from the population of Jalisco. General Alvarado is in charge of an infantry division, while General Estrada has command of what is described as a powerful column of reserves. "The chiefs and officers of the new corps," says the announcement, "were taken from the military academy of Guadaluajara." General Almazan has reported the evacuation of Puebla because of the approach of rebel troops. Almazan, according to rebel headquarters, is concentrating his forces in Mexico City. Railroad traffic between Puebla and the national capital has been suspended.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 15.—All J. P. troops on duty throughout the city were recalled to the barracks at noon today. Special squads of men with bugles summoned the troops. Colonel Lopez, commander of the garrison, refused to comment on the situation or a rumor that the troops were to declare for De La Huerta.

Tregallas, who was well known as a mining man, is said to have won high honors during the Gallipoli campaign. He was about forty years old and is said to be a member of a well known English family.

PORTLAND POLICE ARE EXONERATED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—Herbert Oelener, police sergeant and William Draker, a patrolman were cleared yesterday of charges of accepting a bribe and of other irregularities and ordered back to duty at the close of a hearing held by Mayor George L. Baker. Four other patrolmen who had been accused similarly, were also exonerated but could not be restored to their places by the mayor because they had been discharged outright.

G. O. P. CONVENTION TO BE A BONE DRY ONE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Prohibition laws will be strictly enforced during the republican national convention at Cleveland June 10, State Prohibition Director B. F. McDonald announced today. He indicated that some of his most efficient enforcement officers will be assigned to Cleveland during the convention.

Alton Covell Found Guilty; Jury Favors Life Imprisonment

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 15.—Alton Covell, 36, today was convicted of murder in the first degree with life imprisonment for the killing of his stepmother, Mrs. Ebba Covell of Bandon. The jury was out 45 minutes. Evidence brought out in his trial here this week was to the effect that he had committed the murder at the instigation of his uncle, Arthur Covell, crippled astrologist, who already has been sentenced to death. Mr. Covell was strangled to death September 3.

SEARCHING FOR WOMAN, CHICAGO SWINDLE CASE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Search is being made today for a woman with whom Leo Koretz, fugitive promoter of a \$5,000,000 Panama "oil bubble" is thought by investigators to have passed as "Mrs. and Mr. Al Bronson" for the past four years. Charles Davidson, janitor of an apartment building, last night identified a photograph of Koretz as a man known to him as Bronson, who frequently met a woman in the day time in a suite he had rented, according to state's attorneys. The janitor also identified some of the furniture found in Koretz's office as some which had been in the Bronson apartment. Authorities are endeavoring to connect Davidson's story with a report from a private detective agency that an unknown woman some time ago had asked that Koretz's office be watched and any women visitors reported to her. While the grand jury yesterday was reported to have voted two true bills charging Koretz with larceny and operation of a confidence game, involuntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed against him by three creditors, all women, who claimed \$6500 was due them on notes signed by Koretz. A trust company, named as receiver seized the expensive automobiles and other available effects of Koretz, whose alleged pecuniaries of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 are covered by assets of about \$750,000.

KLAMATH MAN'S AUTO KILLS WAR VET, CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 15.—Captain John A. Tergelles, British army hero of the Gallipoli campaign, died early this morning as the result of injuries received when his automobile was struck by a machine driven by James M. Parker of Klamath Falls, Ore., on the highway near San Ysidro. Mrs. Sybil Jenkyn, who was with Tregelles in his machine, had her scalp almost torn from her head and is said to be in a serious condition. Parker and his companion, Margaret Stewart, are under arrest and are being held pending the holding of an inquest.

Another Murder Trial

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—David W. Burns, 44 years old, parole officer of the Kansas penitentiary, died here today from bullet wounds received yesterday from one of two recaptured convicts he was returning to the prison. The shooting occurred on a Missouri Pacific train at Albia, Ark.

GOES VOLUNTARILY TO PRISON TO SHORTEN TERM OF HOLDUP MAN

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—By voluntarily giving up his own liberty and actually pleading for a penitentiary sentence R. W. Smith, who surrendered to the authorities recently and informed them that he was waiting in an automobile outside a local laundry office when his partner, Arthur C. Raymond, was caught in an attempt to steal the company's payroll, October 13, the prison term of the latter has been shortened, according to the police authorities. Raymond began serving a four-year sentence in the state penitentiary November 16. Smith gave himself up to the police here November 23 and was placed in the King county jail. He was sentenced yesterday to six months in the county jail. The police declared the time served by Smith in the county jail would be deducted from the sentence meted out to Raymond. Prosecutor Malcolm Douglas also announced today that efforts would be made to obtain a pardon for Raymond after he has served three and one-half years of his term. Raymond never informed the police that he had a partner connected with the attempted robbery.

PRESIDENT PARDONS 30 PRISONERS

Chief Executive Orders Release of All Violators of War Laws—Action Recommended By Special Committee—Sacramento I. W. W.'s Are Involved in Order.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Coolidge today ordered the release of all remaining imprisoned violators of war laws. About thirty persons will gain their liberty as a result of the order. They were convicted in various cases at Chicago, Kansas City and Sacramento. Immediately upon receipt of the president's order the justice department began preparation of the necessary warrants. The prisoners will be released as soon as the warrants reach the federal penitentiaries in which they are incarcerated. A White House statement announcing the release of the prisoners said: "It is announced today that the president and Attorney General Daugherty, after conferring together and considering the joint report prepared by Hon. Newton D. Baker, Bishop Charles H. Brent and General J. G. Harbord, upon war time prisoners, have decided to adopt and follow the majority recommendation of the committee and accordingly today the president in conformity with the recommendation of the attorney general has commuted the sentences of the remaining war time prisoners convicted at Chicago, Kansas City and Sacramento to the terms already served." "Warrants of commutation are being prepared and as soon as signed by the president will be sent to the wardens with instructions to release the prisoners." The order issued by the president ends a fight which has been in progress almost continuously since conclusion of the world war to bring about the release of those convicted for violation of laws enacted for war purposes. The cases were reviewed upon two separate occasions by President Harding and each time clemency was granted to a limited number. Those who will benefit by the president's order include: Wencel Frank and F. J. Gallagher, convicted at Kansas City; C. J. Bourg, Alexander C. Ournos, Harry Lloyd, Bert Lorton, Charles H. McKinnon, James Rowan and James P. Thompson, convicted at Chicago; Elmer Anderson, Harry Brewer, Robert Connellan, Roy P. Connor, Pete DeBernardi, Mortimer Downing, Frank Elliott, John Graves, Henry Hammer, William Hood, Harry Gray, Chris A. Luber, Phil McLaughlin, George O'Connell, John Potthast, Edward Quigley, James Quinlan, Myron Sprague, Caspar Tabib, Jacob Tori, George F. Vetter and Vincent Santilli, convicted at Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Twenty alleged members of the I. W. W. serving sentences in Leavenworth prison, were included in the amnesty order issued today by President Coolidge. They are the men who were convicted in Sacramento in 1919 on charges of violating the espionage act. The roundup of alleged radicals in this and adjoining sections began late in 1918 after the executive mansion, at that time occupied by Governor Stephens, had been dynamited. Police investigations were held to determine that the dynamiting was the result of an I. W. W. plot and several members of the organization were arrested. Following these arrests, federal agents detailed to work here uncovered what they declared was a conspiracy for a reign of terror and damage to property aggregating many thousands of dollars was laid to activities of the radicals.