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KLANSMAN CONVICTED OF MURDER

Jury Finds P. E. Fox, Ex-Klan Editor, Guilty of Murder of W. S. Coburn, Klan Attorney—Recommendation Mercy Fixes Punishment at Life Imprisonment—Woman in Case Arrested.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver, under indictment as an accessory before the fact in connection with the slaying of William S. Coburn, Klan attorney, has been arrested in Birmingham, Ala., officials in Solicitor General A. Boykin's office announced today.

Mrs. Weaver had clippings of the Fox trial in her possession, Birmingham officials told Assistant Solicitor E. A. Stephens of Fulton county.

The woman will resist extradition, Mr. Stephens was told. Plans to request Governor Walker to issue requisition papers were under way in the solicitor's office, it was stated.

Philip E. Fox, Ku Klux Editor, was convicted last night of the murder of Coburn and sentenced to life imprisonment. Testimony that Fox was in company with Mrs. Weaver shortly before the killing was introduced at the trial. The woman was also said to have had in her possession at one time the pistol used in the slaying.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Attorneys for Philip E. Fox, former editor of the Night Hawk, Klan official organ, who last night was found guilty of first degree murder for the fatal shooting of William S. Coburn, Klan attorney by a jury in Fulton county superior court, were expected to file a motion for a new trial today.

The jury, after deliberating all day, returned a verdict of guilty with recommendation for mercy, which automatically fixed a penalty of life imprisonment. Fox shot Coburn on November 5 last.

Announcement of the decision to file a motion for a new trial was made last night by Frank Hooper, Sr., following a conference attended by the staff of defense attorneys.

Judge G. S. Howard, who presided at the trial said, when informed a motion for a new trial would be heard, announced that such a motion would not be placed on the calendar until a court stenographer had time to complete the transcript of the voluminous testimony in the case.

While the hearing on the motion is pending, it is said, Fox will be held in Fulton tower.

History of Case
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Philip E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan editor, killed William S. Coburn, a Klan attorney, in the latter's office on November 5. The slayer was arrested as he fled from the office. An indictment charging murder was returned against Fox a few days later, and on December 12 he was placed on trial in Fulton superior court.

Attorneys for Fox based their fight for his life on testimony that he was insane. Dr. R. C. Swint, superintendent of the Georgia state sanitarium for the insane, Dr. Chester King and Dr. James M. Brawner were the alienists that stated Fox was a paranoiac, "one of the most dangerous types of insanity."

Fox Appeared Sane
Numerous associates of Fox and persons in contact with him shortly before he shot Coburn also stated that in their opinion Fox was "crazy," the prosecution offered several witnesses who testified that immediately following the shooting Fox appeared sane to them.

While the state offered no testimony from alienists that Fox was not insane, it attacked the conduct of the defendant. Solicitor General John A. Boykin contended Coburn knew of Fox's alleged relations with Mrs. Margaret Weaver, who is under indictment as an accessory before the fact, and also had other evidence of in-

Widow, 48, Bobs Hair And Remarries Her 17 Yr. Old Husband



Latest photograph of Burton S. Tucker, the sixteen-year-old boy who married his great-aunt, Mrs. Susan O. Simpson, who is fifty. The boy's husband announced emphatically that he would stand by his bride, despite the efforts of his parents to have the marriage annulled.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—To make more certain their union, Burton S. Tucker, Jersey City youth, and the wealthy widow of Joseph Simpson today were remarried before Squire Fry at Carthage, N. C., according to a story sent the Raleigh News and Observer by its Carthage correspondent.

The second marriage followed a lengthy conference of the couple with U. L. Spence, Carthage attorney, and took place in the attorney's office, the correspondent stated.

The license, he added, was issued recently by E. C. Matheson, register of deeds, and as no statement of permission had been filed by the parents of the young bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker made a deposit of \$200 with Mr. Matheson in case he should be sued for the penalty allowed in such cases under the laws of North Carolina.

Mrs. Tucker, in giving information preparatory to obtaining the marriage license, said his age was 17 and that of his wife 48.

Mrs. Tucker has bobbed her hair, and, the correspondent said, looked hardly half her age when she was married this afternoon. She has dressed in the latest styles, he said.

**\$1000 REWARD
FOR 5 MILLION
DOLLAR GRAFTER**

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A reward of \$1000 for the arrest of Leo Koretz, charged with operating a \$5,000,000 "oil bubble" swindle, will be posted in every important city in the world, according to the authorities who have so far announced the development of no tangible clues throwing light on his whereabouts after a two weeks search.

Meanwhile investigators are tracing long distance telephone calls made by Koretz to a woman in New York for ten days prior to his departure from Chicago, in the belief that his flight was arranged at that time. Police of Cairo, Egypt, have been asked to question a woman there with whom Koretz maintained a safe deposit box in a Chicago bank, as to any knowledge she may have of his movements.

Although an offer, reported to have been made by Alexander L. Saran, an insurgent agent, that he would disclose Koretz's hiding place for \$25,000 was characterized as a joke, Saran was asked to report to the state attorney's office for questioning. Saran declared his "information" consisted only of his own theory.

E. R. Wolf, named in a letter from New York police as a man who was with Koretz in New York before he disappeared on December 6, admitted he was with Koretz in New York, according to the prosecutors but said he returned to Chicago the same day Koretz sent his luggage from a New York hotel to a railroad station, ostensibly to go to Boston.

Peace Move Denied
GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 22.—Emphatic denial that overtures for a peace parley will be entertained by the De La Huerta government was contained in an official dispatch from Alvarez Del Castillo, secretary of foreign affairs for De La Huerta at Vera Cruz, received here today by Adolfo Jimenez, rebel agent.

"The revolution is triumphing everywhere," the message declared. General Terrazos, Obregon chief-tain, yesterday appeared at the De La Huerta headquarters in the field and entered the rebel fold with all his men, according to Vera Cruz dispatches.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Manuel Chao, former Villista, and 24 revolutionists who attacked a combination passenger-freight train between Rosario and Parral was pursued by the Texas National Guard and federal troops according to passengers who arrived

REBEL CITY IS CAPTURED BY OBREGON

Puebla Falls to Federal Forces and Insurgents Are Hotly Pursued—Rebels Still Make Extravagant Claims of Success, But General Belief Is Their Cause Is Lost.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—(Via Laredo, by the Associated Press.)—Unconfirmed press dispatches from Puebla reported that government forces captured that city at five o'clock this evening. Generals Topete and Amarrillas attacked the Guadalupe and Loreto forts while Generals Almazan and Maximo Rojas attacked Arriaga—a suburb north of Puebla.

After the Sanchistas (rebels) defeat at Panacola Heights they withdrew toward Puebla, pursued by government forces commanded by Generals Roberto Cruz and Berlanza.

Renewed fighting took place at Barranca Banda and Puente Loro, the enemy again retreating within the city of Puebla.

Federal cavalry led by General Luis Gutierrez and Marcial Cavazos entered the city on the eastern side and Generals Almazan and Rojas on the north. The Sanchistas were hotly pursued.

General Manuel Fernandez de Lupa has been appointed commander of the Puebla garrison. Several airplanes participated in the federal attack on Puebla. Dispatches from the scene of battle report that Cesare Ocasio, commander of the Sanchistas, was wounded.

Railway traffic is expected to be opened tomorrow. Dispatches from revolutionary sources today (22nd) reported that General Cavazos has gone over to the De La Huerta side.

Report Rebels Retreating.
NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Revolutionary forces on the front east of Mexico City are conducting a continuous retreat toward Vera Cruz, where they will make a last stand to defeat federal forces who are pursuing them, according to an intercepted rebel message made public by the Mexican consulate here today.

Consul Joaquin Terrazas announced the message declared the rebel forces were retreating on orders from headquarters at Vera Cruz, "finding they cannot continue the campaign, comprehending their critical situation, and were preparing to give as a last resort, a battle in Vera Cruz. The consul received his advices from the military jefatura at Hermosillo, Sonora.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The rebels have evacuated the city of Puebla "for reasons of military expediency," it is announced by their headquarters here. They had held the city for several days.

GALVESTON, Texas, Dec. 22.—Rebel armies under command of General Cavazos have begun an advance on Mexico City, according to an official dispatch received here today by A. Jimenez, rebel agent.

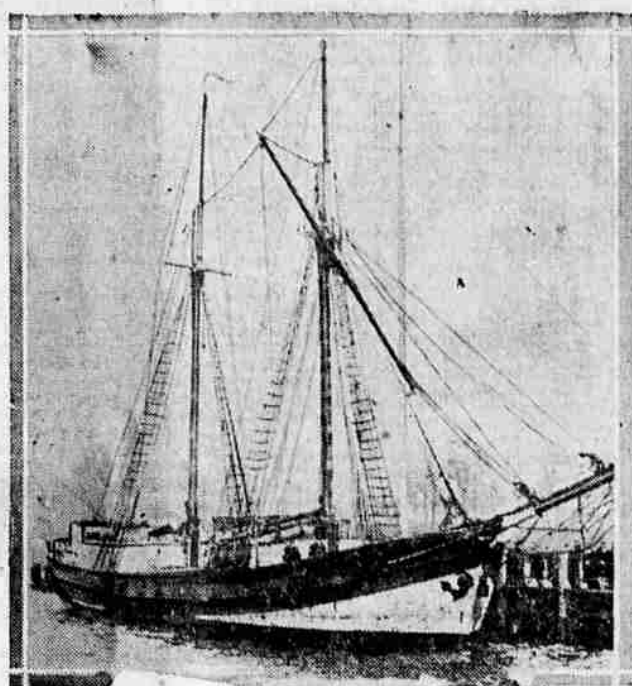
BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 22.—A telegram received this morning by D. D'Aussault, representative of the De La Huerta government, stated that General Marcial Cavazos, commander of the Obregon troops at Apizaco, had announced his allegiance to the revolutionary cause. General Lopez Paylo has also joined the revolution, the telegram stated.

These former Obregonista officers are said to be in command of approximately 2000 troops.

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Holland Boat With Champagne "Gets in Dutch"



NEW YORK.—The two-masted schooner "Zeeland" of Holland, was taken by the U. S. Coast Guard cutter "Seminole" within the three-mile limit. A search revealed 2106 cases of champagne valued at a quarter of a million dollars. The Dutch schooner was brought to New York and the liquor removed by federal agents. The "Zeeland" is reported as being one of the biggest and most active rum runners afloat. The captain and crew have been held for examination.

BRYAN DECLARES FORD ACT WILL HURT COOLIDGE

Great Commoner Thinks Coolidge Will Find Henry Ford a Political Liability—Sees Issue Between Big and Little Incomes.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 22.—William Jennings Bryan, candidate for delegate to the national democratic convention from this state, issued a statement today in regard to Henry Ford's endorsement of President Coolidge in which he states the reaction will hurt Coolidge instead of helping him.

The statement follows:
"The first impression made by Mr. Ford's statement will probably be favorable to President Coolidge's candidacy, but the reaction is likely to prove a damaging blow to the president."

Mr. Ford has been talked of as a candidate of the masses, his support coming from both democrats and republicans who interpreted his candidacy as a protest against the reactionary policies of most of the republican leaders and some of the democratic leaders.

"Mr. Ford as the millionaire champion of the poor people of the country would make an inspiring spectacle, but Mr. Ford loses his prominence when he joins with the rest of the big businessmen in support of a reactionary candidate."

"He will not carry with him any of the plutocrats because they are already supporting Mr. Coolidge; the president's opposition to the excess profits tax made sure of their support but Mr. Ford's desertion will become more pronounced as the campaign approaches. The men who have difficulty in keeping household expenditures within their incomes—the men who as a rule buy Ford cars, will resent the abandonment of their cause by one of the richest men in the country whom they regarded—mistakenly, it now seems—as their friend."

"His use of the word 'safe' in describing President Coolidge will suggest a campaign word, 'sane,' which usually accompanies the word 'safe' when used to describe public men and political policies. Those who talk of a 'safe' and 'sane' candidate reflect upon the intelligence as well as upon the good purposes of the masses. President Coolidge will find Mr. Ford the most expensive booster who has yet climbed onto the band wagon. His action emphasizes the deepening division between those with big incomes and those with small incomes."

Ford No Good Anyway
SPOKANE, Dec. 22.—While Charles Hebbard of Spokane, republican state chairman, declared in a statement today that Henry Ford's endorsement of President Coolidge "represents the attitude of the nation's independent vote," Clarence Martin of Cheney, democratic state chairman, expressed in another statement the opinion that "Coolidge would be better off if he had fewer Fords and Rockefellers in his campaign."

"Coolidge's nomination was pretty well assured before," Mr. Hebbard's statement said. "Mr. Ford's announcement practically clinched it. It is a further indication that the American people generally, regardless of party, are satisfied that the country is 'safe with Coolidge.'"

"Henry Ford has chosen the right crowd for multi-millionaire auto

WARM WEATHER IS PREDICTED FOR CHRISTMAS

No Jingle of Sleigh Bells This Year, According to Weather Experts—Dandelions in Full Bloom and Crickets Sing in Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Christmas without the jingle of sleighbells is in prospect for practically all of the United States. And the famed steaming mince pie will be slightly warm to the palate for the weather man also says this will be one of the warmest Christmas days in history.

Though the weather will not be as warm as the last few days, the temperature will be normal or slightly above for the greater part of the country. It is possible there will be a light snow in the Rockies and throughout the northern part of the country. Except in these regions, the mercury probably will stand above freezing on Christmas day.

Rain is probable in the lake regions and the northern Pacific states, but east of the Rockies and south of the lakes, fair weather is forecast.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The weather man here reported yesterday the warmest December 21 since the establishment of the bureau in 1878. The maximum was 58. Middletown reports "chickens singing;" Youngstown "any number of pansies as big as you see in summer blooming," and Tiffin, "dandelions in full blossom."

SALINA, Kas., Dec. 22.—Messages received here today tell of a heavy snow storm sweeping western Kansas.

NAPLES, Dec. 22.—The temperature fell suddenly throughout Italy over last night and today the mountains were covered with snow. Some little snow fell even in the city of Naples. A snow fall here is one of the rarest of occurrences and it is many years since it has been experienced.

ADVENTURESS FOOLED CHICAGO GOLD COAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Helen Alexander, said to have posed as Pauline Lord, the actress, and to have given readings in homes on Lake Shore drive, known as the "Gold Coast," is anxious to go back to San Diego and make restitution for checks totaling \$723 which Mel White of the Coronado hotel, San Diego, cashed for her. In municipal court today she waived extradition.

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Moline Santa Claus Holds Up Store and Steals Over \$30,000

MOLINE, Ill., Dec. 22.—A bandit dressed as Santa Claus held up the Cox jewelry store in Moline last night. H. R. Cox, proprietor, said the robber obtained \$3000 and diamonds valued at \$30,000. The bandit carried a pack on his back in which he put the loot, and his whiskers were so arranged that they served very well as a mask. No arrests have been made as yet by the police.

BANK ROBBERS ARE CAPTURED, ONE CONFESSES

Bandits Who Held Up Florence Bank December 11th, Arrested in Portland—\$1426 of Loot Recovered From Woman Friend of Yeggs.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—Portland police and private detectives were endeavoring today to locate more of the money stolen from the Lane County State and Savings bank at Florence, Ore., December 11, following the arrest here last night of five men and recovery of \$1426 which one of the men accused of participating in the robbery, had given a Portland woman for safekeeping.

Tommy Murray, who admitted to the police that he is an ex-convict from San Quentin prison, California, confessed, the officers said, that he was the leader of the robbers. He was arrested at a house which he had rented and furnished here. He submitted willingly. Officers were trying today to learn the whereabouts of his share of the \$7000 loot taken from the bank.

The police reported they recovered the \$1426 from Ida Chase, to whom they said Eddie Walker had given the money. Walker, also arrested and charged by the officers with participating in the bank robbery, had refused this morning to make any admissions. He was arrested in the house occupied by Murray.

Officers visited Ida Chase's residence after the arrest of the two alleged robbers and found at her home Mike Dennis, Jimmie Wells and Floyd Metcalf, whom they took into custody for investigation.

Murray told the officers of the holdup and his movements since, including an account of being shielded by Lane county ranchers, who are under arrest and to whom he said money was paid for protection. Murray said he went to Marshfield and came to Portland from there by train.

Murray and Walker were taken to Eugene today after being partially identified here by Jack Herring, one of the Lane county ranchers under arrest charged with harboring the robbers in their flight from Florence. Herring was brought here from Eugene.

Wells, one of the five taken into custody last night was charged with having kept \$1,500 of the bank loot for Murray but not with participation in the holdup. He was taken to Eugene with Murray and Walker.

Mike Dennis and Floyd Metcalf, who were taken into custody last night were cleared today by the police of any connection with the holdup. Metcalf was released and the police said this morning Dennis would come to Portland from there by train.

Wire Report On Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Exceptionally large purchase of dollar exchange in Paris, combined with an absence of franc requirements in New York carried the franc down to 5.01½ cents the lowest price on record, at the opening of today's foreign exchange market.

BIG FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO WHOLESALE ZONE, TOTAL LOSS IS OVER \$300,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Six firemen were overcome by smoke, San Francisco's wholesale district was endangered for a short time and damage estimated at more than \$300,000 caused by fire which swept through a six-story building in the business section of the city early today.

PUTS KLAN ISSUE UP TO SUP. COURT

For First Time in U. S. History, Impeachment of State Official Is Carried to United States Supreme Court—Klan Conspiracy Charged By Ex-Governor Walton.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Formal application to review the impeachment of former Governor Walton of Oklahoma was made today to the supreme court by his attorneys, F. E. Riddle and Henry B. Martin.

The petition alleged prejudice by the Oklahoma senate, which tried the governor and removed him from office and by the house of representatives which preferred impeachment charges. Because of membership in the Klan, it was charged, members of the legislature were plucked in a conspiracy in advance to convict the governor.

Never before has the supreme court been asked to review the impeachment of a state officer. The grounds upon which today's action was based was the "due process" provision of the constitution. Governor Walton's counsel declared he had been denied due process of law by being tried by prejudiced judges, a majority of whom, it was explained, were members of the Klan.

The petition was presented to the full court, in chambers. Associate Justice Vandeventer recently was asked to grant a writ in the case individually but he deferred action. Today's plea cannot be acted upon by the court until the present holiday recess ends January 2.

OREGON FREIGHT ON HAY SHIPMENTS IS ORDERED REDUCED

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—In an order issued today, and effective January 21, the public service commission announced general reductions in intrastate freight rates on hay, ranging from 5 to 35 per cent. The order applies to principal carriers in Oregon. The reduction amounts to about 80 cents a ton on short hauls and approximately \$3.00 on long hauls.

The case, which was brought on the commission's own motion, attracted state-wide interest when the hearings were held in October, due to the fact that the investigations embraced practically all the principal farm products and, regarding this point, the commission announced this morning that further findings are being made covering other commodities.

Passing of the Early Pioneer

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 22.—Henry Vining, said to have been the first white settler in Umatilla, an old settlement on Puget Sound, but now almost deserted, was burned to death Friday evening in his cabin. It is believed the fire was caused by the aged man using kerosene to start a fire in his stove. Vining was born in Maine 77 years ago and had lived on the sound about fifty years.

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TRUCE IS DECLARED IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Modernists in the Protestant Episcopal church today declared the pre-holiday sermons they would preach tomorrow would, without exception, be in conformity with the diocesan letter issued by Bishop William T. Manning, asking that a truce be observed in the inter-factional controversy until after the Christmas holidays.

Fundamentalists of the diocese, it was understood, tacitly agree not to use their pulpits tomorrow to reinforce their arguments in favor of the

pastoral letter of the house of bishops which was one of the most important causes of the schism and which was upheld in Bishop Manning's letter. Dr. M. Norman Guthrie, rector of St. Mark's in the Bowery, whose symbolic services in which scantily clad girls participated, caused Bishop Manning to summon him and his co-sectaries for a conference, declared he would make a statement from the pulpit in an attempt to explain his stand. He said, however, he would not touch upon controversial matters.

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