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CONFESSES DETAILS OF REEVES MURDER

NEGRO HELD IN JAIL AT MINDEN SAYS NO WHITE MEN TOOK ANY PART.

OTHERS ARE IMPLICATED

Murdered Man's Pistol Found Hidden Between the Mattress in Tyson's Bed Day After the Murder Was Committed.

Shreveport.—Another suspect, Anderson Heard, held in the Minden jail in the Reeves murder, has confessed, according to officers. He implicated himself, Chester Tyson, Mark Peters and Larkin Stewart, but says no white men took part in the murder. Two of these negroes, Stewart and Peters, with Long and Tyson, are at some point in the state for safe-keeping. His confession was not thought much of at first, but on being taken to the scene of the crime by officers, he gave so many details of the crime that correspond with the physical facts in the case the officers felt convinced he at least knew much about the murder.

Sheriff Phillips and two deputies and District Attorney H. C. Drew left Minden with Heard, presumably to convey him to where the other suspects are held. They passed through Shreveport in an automobile, but would not make known their point of destination. Sheriff Phillips intimated he had an all-night trip ahead of him. He has been on the go constantly ever since the crime was committed, a week ago, and is nearly exhausted from loss of sleep and work.

In his confusion Heard said he remained on the outside of the house, but that he saw Chester Tyson fell Mrs. Reeves to the ground with an axe as she ran out the kitchen door. The axe with which the wholesale killing was done had been identified previously as belonging to Chester Tyson. The murdered man's pistol was found hidden between the mattresses in Tyson's bed the day after the murder was committed.

BRIEF NEWS AND NOTES.

The Ouachita Oil and Gas Company, known as the Hunter and McCormick interests, of Shreveport, owner of a franchise to supply gas in Monroe, drilled in a ten million-foot gas well on their A. L. Smith lease, 15 miles north of Monroe, in Ouachita parish. This is the third well in the vicinity, but is much larger than the other two. Gas from this well will be piped to Monroe. The company has already purchased pipe for gas mains and delivery is expected to begin in sixty days when work will begin.

What New Orleans shipbuilders declare is the first steamship of 2,000 tons' capacity to be completely built in an American yard south of Newport News was launched at Slidell. The steamship is one of a fleet of four under construction by local contractors for Norwegian interests. The vessels will be built of wood of the same model, 229 feet long and will cost the Norwegian interests \$150,000 each.

The "Lula Company, Incorporated," of Napoleonville, a new company composed of Philip H. Gilbert, Clarence Savoie, Clay J. Dugas, James W. Gilbert and Charles H. Dugas, all residents of Assumption parish, have purchased the Lula plantation, on which is situated the refinery also, from Leon Kessler. The place comprises about 720 acres of first-class land.

It is proposed for Jackson parish to begin a good road at the Lincoln parish line and build through the parish south to the Winn parish line of ward seven. Winn parish is to take it up and build through via Dodson, Winnfield and on to connect with the Jefferson Highway at Montgomery, in Grant parish.

If the champion Red Sox can be induced to stop off in New Orleans for a series of games with the Pelicans on their way north from the training camp, effort will be made to list them for an exhibition game with Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

An oil lease of large proportions, involving 916 acres in the parish of Iberville, was placed on record at Plaquemine in the office of the clerk and recorder between J. F. Prohaska, Cotton Brothers and the Shelburnes to the Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana.

Bunkie is going to have a new post office.

The holidays, so far, have passed off very creditably to the city of Crowley and parish; only one man was jailed. He faced a charge of "simple drunk," and was later released. His home is in Jennings.

The store of Tobias Gass Company of Baton Rouge was burned to the ground in a fire of unknown origin and two additional frame buildings were destroyed. The total loss is estimated at about \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

New Orleans received a new \$100,000 factory for a New Year present. The site has been selected, modern machinery ordered, and about seventy-five people will be employed. Although New Orleans capital is concerned in the enterprise, the city was chosen upon its merits. Another important feature of the venture is that its raw material will be raised by the farmers of the section.

The establishment will be that of the Roberts-Wiegand Pickle Company, and it will be the first of its kind in Louisiana. P. H. Roberts, successful manager of the American Pickle and Canning Company, at Wiggins, Miss., is at the head of the company, and George A. Wiegand and A. C. St. Marc, of this city, are his leading associates. The formal announcement will not be forthcoming for a week, but the details are known to a number of people here, who predict that the concern will have an important bearing upon the agricultural and commercial future of this section.

Mr. Roberts, it is understood, did not undertake to form an opposition to the Mississippi enterprise, which is well established and flourishing largely through his efforts. He came down from Iowa five years ago with the idea, but met only predictions that realization was impossible. He overcame obstacle after obstacle, and last year had the farmers of the Wiggins vicinity growing cucumbers on 1,200 acres in order to feed the plant. But the supply was insufficient, and he decided to broaden both the area of production and the scope of manufacture. On account of transportation and distribution facilities and other advantages he decided to make New Orleans the location of an up-to-date factory and secured the required supplies.

It is proposed to begin with the cultivation of fully 3,000 acres, and farmers in various sections have already been enlisted to undertake the planting of the crop. The centers already interested are Brookhaven, Magnolia and Centerville, Miss., and Norwood, Bayou Sara, Hammond and Independence, in Louisiana. There will also be some Alabama communities enrolled, so that in case of disaster in any one direction the raw material will not be cut off, for the factory will be kept running the entire year. The incentive to the farmers is a crop that fits into their rotation, that can be harvested in May and June and be out of the way of corn and other crops, and that will pay them about \$75 an acre. One of the effective practices of the Roberts system is to furnish the seed, instruct in cultivation, and co-operate constantly with the farmers for success.

A suit on behalf of the State of Louisiana and against the Plaquemine Electric Light and Power Company was filed by Attorney General Coco for \$6,350, being the amount of penalties due under Act 267 of 1914 for failure to make certain reports required under the general incorporation act.

At the December meeting of the Tangipahoa police jury at Amite City, the action of the former police jury in withdrawing the appropriation for vital statistics was rescinded and all warrants issued hereafter by the State Board of Health will be honored and paid when funds are available.

Tom G. Brice, 47, farmer of Arcadia, is recovering at a sanitarium at Shreveport from a fracture of the skull suffered in a fight with "Poll" Perritt, pitcher of the Waco baseball club, at Arcadia. The men clashed over a trivial difference. Perritt is under \$2,500 bond at Arcadia.

Plantation property and winter crops in the vicinity of Tallulah were badly damaged when a tornado swept that district, according to reports received. No deaths were reported. Dr. Herring of Tallulah is said to have been injured when he was struck by flying pieces of timber.

Joseph U. Folse has sold his Long Branch plantation situated in the upper part of (Assumption) parish, to Charles L. Triche and sons, Charles and Risley. It will be managed by Charles Triche, who has been at the canal for the past two years.

At a meeting of the Ascension parish school board, at Donaldsonville, Superintendent H. P. Broussard was elected superintendent of the public schools of the parish for a four-year term, to begin July 1, 1917.

The stockholders of the De Ridder Oil and Mineral Company held their annual meeting, elected a board of directors, and voted to increase the capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The three banks of Natchitoches had approximately 1,000 accounts in their Christmas saving departments and paid out about \$20,000.

The National Conservation Congress will be held in New Orleans in April.

With the early building of three new schools at Oak Grove, Hunter and Lula, La., DeSota parish soon will have ten approved high schools, three more than any other parish in the state. Tentative plans for the new schools were submitted to the state board of education for approval by Superintendent G. O. Houston.

The New Orleans post office business during December and throughout the past year is greatly in excess of any year in the history of the city.

WEBB-KENYON LAW HELD TO BE VALID

RULING IS MADE BY UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AT WASHINGTON.

PREVENT LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

States May Now Prohibit Possession, Receipt, Sale and Use of Intoxicating Liquor and Not Be Hampered By Interstate Commerce

Washington.—In the most important of all decisions upholding the laws the Supreme Court has ruled constitutional and valid the Webb-Kenyon law prohibiting the shipment of liquor from "wet" to "dry" states. The court also sustained West's amendment to her law prohibiting transportation in interstate commerce of liquor for personal use.

After having been upheld by President Taft, who held it constitutional, and having been passed over his veto by Congress, the law was sustained by the Senate by a vote of 7 to 2. Justices say it is a valid exercise of the power of Congress to amend the law.

Lawyers for the states heard the decision and applied the law with a sense.

Chief Justice Taft, in a majority opinion, said that the law is valid under the commerce clause of the constitution.

"There was no question of interstate commerce to form a part of the law. The purpose of the law was to prevent interstate commerce in liquor. We have no doubt that Congress has the power to prevent paralyzing interstate commerce by the national government."

Wayne E. Cross, of the Anti-Saloon League, said:

"The states have the right to prohibit possession, receipt, sale and use of intoxicating liquor and to enforce the law by the agency of the national government."

Magnolia, La.—Dallas, Tex. Magnolia Petroleum Company, headquarters in Dallas, has purchased the property, including the oil on hand, farm buildings and other concessions of the Magnolia Petroleum Co., located in the parish of Iberville, except the Magnolia Petroleum Co. restricted department of the Five Civilized Tribes, Oklahoma.

Foodstuffs.—Washington.—The United States government will leave American ports open to quantities of foodstuffs. The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce show that the value of this year's crop of foodstuffs is about \$600,000,000, a rate of more than 100 percent.

Guards Refused.—Des Moines, Iowa.—The Iowa National Guard refused to drill before a court martial as the result of a court martial to drill. The mutinous guards, it is said, are members of the First Infantry, Burlington, and the Twenty-ninth Infantry, Iowa.

Private Fatality.—Columbus, N. M.—Private the Seventeenth U. S. Infantry at the base hospital here shot wound received at the base hospital here, on the American line south of the border, to have been shot by a private during a quarrel. Shot at Darrisville, Ill.

\$4,000,000 For Pension.—New York.—The United States government pledges for \$4,000,000 a church pension fund for Episcopal clergymen and laymen. It was reported here that Ram Lawrence of the Fund Co.

Successor for House.—St. Louis.—Frederic C. H. H. was appointed chancellor of the institution to succeed David H. secretary of agriculture.

His Toy An Old Pistol.—Kinder, La.—Leo Wafford, aged three, picked up a pistol which has been discarded by his father as being worthless, and shot his aunt, Miss Ida Ryan, aged 18, through the breast, inflicting probably fatal injuries.

Hollister, Mo.—The grape raising industry along the upper White river is increasing in importance. Already more than 1,000 acres are in grapes, and many vines are being planted, while the fall planting was large.

