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LAUGHTER, "BOOTLEG KING," GOES TO PENITENTIARY

STRIKE PERIL ENDS WORKERS WILL TRY NEW RAILWAY LAW

Plans to Test Constitutionality of Measure Held in Abeyance Pending Developments to Come.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Representatives of the railroad unions are understood to have voted today to give the new railroad law a trial in bringing about a settlement of their wage demands.

It is understood also that they decided to hold in abeyance plans to test the constitutionality of the law and not to refer the controversy to the union membership for a vote "until the law has been given a fair trial."

This means, it is said, that all danger of a general strike at this time has been removed. One of the union officials said: "We are all good Americans and desire to go along with the president as far as we can."

WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Wilson is preparing to set up the tribunal provided in the railroad bill for considering the wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad employes.

It was announced at the White House today that he was writing to the unions and railroad companies asking that they nominate representatives to the wage board. Under the law the unions name six representatives and the roads six. From each of these groups the president will select three and in addition he will name three representatives of the public. The board of nine as thus constituted will be subject to senate approval.

Decisions of the board will be by majority vote provided one of the majority is of the public group. The law does not make acceptance of the findings mandatory on either the workers or the roads, but members of congress during debate on the measure expressed the belief that public opinion would compel acceptance.

Representatives of the brotherhoods still are meeting in Washington considering the president's reply to their wage demands in which he promised that if the new law did not provide for a tribunal for settlement of wage controversies he would use his efforts to have a board appointed. In asking the president to veto the railroad vill, the railroad men said the machinery set up by law would result in a delay of many months in the settlement of their demands.

MARKET ORDINANCE ON FINAL PASSAGE

Commission Will Meet Soon to Make Rules and Arrange for Curb Market.

The new municipal market ordinance came up on final passage before the city commission Tuesday afternoon and will become a law as soon as it has been signed by the mayor.

The market commission has already been named but must be formally appointed before members can take official action. The members are: Mrs. E. G. Willingham, Mrs. John O. Flautt, C. W. Watson, of the bureau of farm development; John W. Farley, lawyer, and M. T. Burton, representative of organized labor. They will work in co-operation with Commissioner Horace Johnson whose department includes the bureau of markets.

While the proposed open-air free curb markets will be a new thing in Memphis, investigation in other cities has shown that they are popular, that they tend to greatly reduce the cost of living.

Commissioner Johnson plans to open the first curb market at Gaston park, about April 1. A second market will be opened at Forrest park and the third probably at old Market square.

He and the market commission will decide as to the days and hours during which the markets are to remain open and as to other necessary regulations. Commissioner Johnson and Mayor Paine have held one conference with a number of market gardeners and truck growers and Mr. Watson has been in close touch with farmers in Shelby county and has been assured that they will co-operate by bringing their produce for sale in the new markets.

Adopt Community Plan To Escape Soaring Rents

CHICAGO, March 2.—Six Chicago business and professional men today adopted a community plan to escape payment of high rents. The men contributed equally toward a fund of $27,000 to purchase an apartment building, which, with their families, they expect to occupy. It was agreed a common fund should be established, out of which running expenses of the apartment would be paid.

NEGRO ATTACKER OF GIRL IS INDICTED

An indictment charging attempted assault was returned by the grand jury Tuesday against Earl Trice, 18-year-old negro, who was bound over to the state Monday when arraigned in police court. Trice is accused of having lured the 10-year-old daughter of Patrolman J. A. Cruse into an automobile on the Hernando road, 500 yards from her home, Saturday.

The negro is said to have been frightened away by the appearance of the little girl's father, who came out of his home on his way to work. The negro fled in an automobile truck which he was driving and was arrested by Patrolman Cruse after a 28-hour search.

The negro was positively identified by the little girl. The indictment against Trice was returned Tuesday along with seven others charging as many persons with offenses of a minor character.

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY RESIDENCE BURNED

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the country residence of W. A. Webster, at Central and Goodwyn avenues, near the Memphis Country club, shortly before 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. The local fire department, although the home was located outside the city limits, sent firemen and apparatus to the scene, but were unable to check the flames owing to insufficient hose. The property loss is estimated at $20,000.

Ike Gronauer Adds Ten-Spot To Saint Fund; Total $1,898

Previously acknowledged	$1,888.38
Ike Gronauer	10.00
Total	$1,898.38

The Guy Saint fund, for the benefit of the widow of the Memphis patrolman who was fatally wounded by a negro burglar, in discharge of his duties, was swelled Tuesday by the receipt of a check for $10 from Ike Gronauer, of the Memphis Paper company. While the final total set is $2,000 for this worthy cause, it is hoped that the balance of slightly more than $100 needed to complete this sum, may be oversubscribed, as the sudden death of the police officer left his widow in serious financial circumstances after the expenses of the funeral had been met.

LEGION OUTLINES SOLDIER RELIEF

Demands for Legislation Wage Liberal—Treatment for Disabled Men.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Franklin d'Olier, national commander of the American legion, outlining to the house ways and means committee today the organization's demand for soldier relief legislation, declared it wanted no bonus, but assistance for former service men in overcoming present "financial disadvantages."

All the Legion asks, he told the committee, "is as liberal treatment as is consistent with the welfare of the whole country."

"An overwhelming majority of ex-service men feel strongly that this government owes an obligation to all persons who were handicapped either bodily or financially," the national commander declared, adding that disabled men wanted relief legislation "to the end that they would no longer be objects of private charity."

Recommendations for legislation were presented as follows:

Land settlements covering farms in all states; aid to encourage purchase of homes; vocational training, and adjustment of compensation based on length of service for those not degiring to avail themselves of the other three features.

"The American legion," Mr. d'Olier said, "asks nothing in its selfish interests at the expense of the county, but at the same time does not feel that this obligation to ex-service men and women should be altogether passed by at this time and all economizing done at the expense of the ex-service men.

"If legislation is wisely framed covering land settlement, home aid, and vocational training, every dollar invested by the government will bring ultimately great returns to the country by making the ex-service man a better citizen and greater producer."

More than 50 bills relating to bonuses were before the committee when it beban hearings on the whole question of soldier relief.

NEW TARIFFS CHANGE REFRIGERATION RULES

Handling of perishable freight under refrigeration was radically changed under new tariffs effective April 28, and shippers and railway traffic men are advised to analyze the new regulations carefully.

The present system of refrigeration for carload shipments of fruits and vegetables is changed from "per ton" basis to a "stated charge" basis.

Instead of billing out as charges on waybill, the cost of initial icing and re-icing, as at present, a stated charge will be assessed to cover the icing from point of origin to destination, the amount to be inserted in waybill as a separate entry by the agent at the billing point.

The stated charge basis does not apply to carload shipments of meat, packinghouse products, butter, eggs, dressed poultry and bananas.

HOTEL STOCK SALE SLOWS UP TUESDAY

Subscriptions to the stock of the new hotel slowed up Tuesday as only four of the 15 committees at work on the Chamber of Commerce teams made reports. Their totals were $15,000. Subscriptions made at the special meeting of the directors of the chamber Monday afternoon, however, which were $22,500, brought up the total for the day to $38,500.

This makes the total subscriptions since the campaign was begun $566,800, or still nearly $200,000 short of the amount needed to insure the building of the hotel.

A few of the larger subscriptions Tuesday were from the Stratton-Warren Hardware Co., $1,000; L. K. Salisbury, $1,000; John Wade & Sons, $1,500, and H. T. Bruce, $5,000.

KING AT UNION CITY FOR BETTER ROADS

Thomas B. King, chairman of the good roads committee of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, spent Tuesday in Union City, as a speaker at a rally being held in the interest of a movement for a road bond election. A special meeting of the Lions' club of Union City was held at noon at which Mr. King made an address.

Mr. King and W. H. Hayley, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce have established a record for touring the tristates in the interest of good roads. Mr. King has made trips during the last few months to Paducah, Birmingham, Clarksdale, Meridian, Florence, Tuscumbia, Vicksburg, Paragould, Helena and Dyersburg. Mr. Hayley has visited Cape Girardeau and Vicksburg in Memphis territory and Quincy and Muscatine in Illinois.

Jewelry Loot Totals $22,711.60

Complete check of the loot stolen Saturday night by holdup men at the jewelry store of Ben S. Polskee, 208 South Main street, revealed Tuesday that the total loss was $22,711.60. Polskee furnished the police with a list of articles which the stickup men stole.

Fifty articles were taken, 46 of which were diamond rings. Bar pins and lavallieres made up the remainder. No trace of the two holdup men has been obtained by the police.

SEEKS JEWELRY.

A replevin suit seeking to recover jewelry valued at $250 was filed in circuit court Tuesday by the law firm of Goldberger, Leve and Turner against M. Kline. The jewelry is said to belong to Frank Henderson who was represented by the law firm named and Kline is said to have declined to deliver the jewelry to them.

OKLAHOMA MOBS PURSUE NEGRO ON WAY TO PRISON

State Officials Fear His Captors Headed Off and Vengeance Taken for Assault on White Woman.

MCALESTER, Okla., March 2.—Officials at the penitentiary here expressed fears Tuesday that the mob at Shawnee which is hunting "Cap" Davis, assailant of a white woman, had headed off the officers in charge of him and other negro prisoners and had lynched Davis and possibly others.

The officers and the negro were expected to arrive here by 8 o'clock this morning. Nothing had been heard from them Tuesday afternoon. Inquiries to many points near here failed to locate them.

NEGRO IN CHANDLER JAIL EARLY IN DAY

CHANDLER, Okla., March 2.—The negro taken from Shawnee last night by a mob which was seeking for Sheriff H. L. Brown, of this city, and his prisoner, "Cap" Davis, negro, convicted of assault on a young school teacher, was in the Chandler jail early Tuesday. He will be taken to McAlester later in the day. The negro, W. B. Miller, convicted on a forgery charge, was in charge of Deputy Sheriff O. C. Burgess, of Chandler, and was en route to the penitentiary at McAlester, with Sheriff Brown and "Cap" Davis.

The mob which took Miller from Deputy Sheriff Burgess at Shawnee, took him to Kendrick, Okla., for identification by the man whose name he is alleged to have forged, and returned to Chandler with him early today.

OFFICERS DETOUR WITH BLACK; ELUDE MOB

WEWOKA, Okla., March 2.—Eluding what appeared to be a certain lynching party, Sheriff H. L. Brown, of Chandler, Okla., and his prisoner, "Cap" Davis, a negro sentenced to 45 years in the state penitentiary yesterday for an alleged assault on a Chandler school teacher, are today headed toward McAlester.

Sheriff Brown, coming here in a motor car from Shawnee last night, with the intention of catching a train for McAlester, learned that a party of men planned to take the negro from the train. He immediately took another automobile and left Wewoka for McAlester before train time, eluding the party which planned to intercept him.

A party of approximately 150 men organized at Shawnee last night to capture Brown's prisoner, split, part of them coming here and the others escorting an unnamed negro taken from the Shawnee jail, going toward Chandler. This latter party had not been heard from at Chandler today.

STATES MAY TAX NONRESIDENTS

Income Levies Must Be in Harmony With Laws of Commonwealth.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Right of the states to impose taxes on nonresidents, provided they are in harmony with those imposed on residents, was upheld and defined Monday by the supreme court in two decisions.

In a case from Oklahoma, the court held that a state unquestionably had authority to levy income taxes against nonresidents on incomes derived from property within the state.

In a New York case, however, the court declared such taxes against nonresidents must not be discriminatory.

The Oklahoma income law was sustained and the New York law declared void insofar as it denies to nonresidents exemptions where given New York citizens. Both opinions were given by Justice Pitney, with Justice McReynolds dissenting in the New York case. In both suits were involved the exemptions, similar to the federal income tax law, provided for married and single persons.

Distinction between the Oklahoma and New York laws, it appears, was that the Oklahoma law gives nonresidents and citizens the same exemptions, while the New York law denies to nonresidents exemptions granted his own citizens.

In the Oklahoma proceedings Charles B. Shaffer, of Chicago, sued the state auditor to enjoin collection of income taxes levied on income derived from Oklahoma oil wells. In the other case, Comptroller Travis, of New York, was enjoined by the Yale & Towne Manufacturing company, having a plant in Connecticut from collecting income taxes from its employes, without giving them the exemptions given New York citizens under the New York law.

TENNESSEE WOMAN'S SLAYER HANGED

WASHINGTON, March 2.—James Henry Jackson, a negro, who shot and killed Miss Lillian Hood, of Brownsville, Tenn., here more than a year ago, was hanged today at the district jail. Jackson was in the act of robbing the house in which Miss Hood boarded when she was awakened. A desperate struggle between the negro and the girl followed, the negro dragging her through a window into the back yard after shooting her.

11 CHINESE DIE IN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 2.—Search today for fire-swept ruins of a building from which the bodies of 11 Chinese were removed last night was expected to reveal other victims. The fire was said to have been started by firecrackers used in celebrating the Chinese New Year. Five bodies were found in one room.

C. E. BROWER BUYS FRONT ST. BUILDING

C. E. Brower has closed a deal for the four-story building at 118 N. Front street, almost in the rear of the site of the new hotel.

He bought it partially as an investment, but when present leases expire, intends to occupy it with his stock of mill supplies. He acquired the property from G. W. Simmons.

SIX MONTHS JAIL SENTENCE AWAITS RELEASE FROM PEN

E. A. Laughter, known in Memphis as the "king of the bootleggers," will leave Memphis Tuesday night in custody of the United States marshal's operatives for Atlanta, where he will begin serving a term of two years in the federal penitentiary. Laughter was sentenced Tuesday by Judge John E. McCall, in United States district court, to serve two years in the Atlanta prison and pay a fine of $10,000 for conspiracy to violate the Reed amendment.

Upon the completion of his sentence at Atlanta, Laughter will be returned and taken to Covington, Tenn., where he will serve an additional sentence of six months, Judge McCall having also sentenced Laughter to this additional jail term upon another charge of violation of the Reed law, Laughter having been found guilty previously. Laughter must also pay another fine of $1,000 on this second charge, Judge McCall assessing this amount when sentencing him to the jail term.

The sentence of Laughter Tuesday is the final chapter in a long legal battle fought by the defendant against conviction. Attorneys for Laughter Tuesday requested the court to allow their client more time with his family here in Memphis before being taken to Atlanta. The court refused this request. Laughter's attorneys then made a motion that the two sentences run concurrently, but this was likewise refused, Judge McCall declaring that the time for bringing the long legal battle to a close had arrived.

Laughter had just completed a term of 11 months and 29 days in the Shelby county workhouse on a pistol carrying charge, a revolver having been found in Laughter's automobile when he was arrested. He was turned over to the federal authorities Tuesday morning by the county authorities and was immediately taken before Judge McCall for sentence.

PEACE TREATY TO BE DOMINANT ISSUE IN COMING CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The peace treaty will be thrust into the political campaign under plans of senate leaders, who have agreed to drop the compromise negotiations which they believe have reached a hopeless stage. Unwilling to consume more time in dickering over compromises the leaders have agreed to put the treaty away and turn their attention to urgent legislation.

This means that the treaty would become a dominant issue in the approaching political campaign and that the American people would be called upon to express their views on the question.

The treaty would be taken out of the senate and saved for the fight at the polls by a call for the final ratification vote and its resultant failure of passage, if the plans of the leaders materialize. Action on the treaty was shut off yesterday by adjournment of the senate out of respect for Senator Bankhead. By unanimous consent the vote on the reservation concerning domestic questions went over until today.

STOWAWAY BRIDE GIVEN RIGHT TO RETURN HOME AFTER ORDERED ASHORE

PARIS, March 2.—Among the passengers on board a United States shipping board vessel which left Lisbon on Saturday was a newly wedded couple to whom the sight of the disappearing shores of Portugal must have been most gratifying. They were the chief mate of the ship and his bride who were married during a brief stay of the ship at an Irish port.

After securing a special marriage license, the chief mate sailed on his ship for Lisbon, and when he arrived there he introduced his bride to the captain, saying, according to advices, she had come to that port from Ireland by way of France and Spain. The captain agreed that the bride could go to sea as a stewardess and it seemed to clear weather ahead" for the couple. A few hours out of port, however, the ship had to return to Lisbon for repairs during which time the mate and the chief engineer had a bitter quarrel. This resulted in the engineer telling the captain the mate's wife had been a stowaway on board the vessel during the trip from Ireland.

Incensed by this breach of discipline the captain sent the bride ashore. After cablegrams had passed between Lisbon and Washington in which it was pointed out the young wife could not be left stranded in a foreign land and the mate would demand his discharge it was finally agreed that the couple could go to America on the ship.

SEES BRIGHT FUTURE AT MEMPHIS YARDS

Top prices for hogs at the Dixie National Stock yards means expansion of Memphis trade in a new field in the opinion of Hugh L. Gary, manager of Col. Tom G. James' Duroc hog farm at Charleston, Miss. Mr. Gary made his prediction Tuesday while talking to a News Scimitar reporter after selling a large shipment of hogs in the Memphis yards Monday at $14.85. The price practically equaled the Chicago market and was not quite a quarter of a cent under the St. Louis market.

The hogs were raised on Pine Crest farm, the famous hog farm of Col. James, near Charleston. The drove was made up of culls from Col. James' Pine Crest stock. They were from 9 to 12 months old and averaged nearly 240 pounds in weight.

"A hog market here will do a great deal of good and will be an encouragement to Southern hog breeders," said Mr. Gary. "The breder and shipper now see their stock sold and can realize the value of good quality when their hogs get to the market. They can see the improvement of their stock from time to time, and can realize the necessity of good quality and finish on a hog."

There was an excellent demonstration of the value of scientific hog raising at the stock yards Monday. While Mr. Gary was selling the Pine Crest shipment an Arkansas breeder was in the yards with a shipment of animals he had raised.

The Arkansas hogs were 18 months old, six months older than the oldest of Col. James' hogs, but they sold for two cents a pound less than the Mississippi Durocs. Besides losing in price the Arkansas man had fed his hogs six months longer than the Mississippian. He had lost in feed as well as in market price.

"The Arkansas man will do some thinking when he gets home," said Mr. Gary. "He has been to the market and has seen the value of raising hogs along modern methods."

It is probable that all hogs from Pine Crest farm will be marketed in Memphis in the future. Monday the local market was only a quarter of a cent under the St. Louis market, and if the Mississippi shipment had been sent to St. Louis the animals would have lost enough weight due to the long railroad trip to overcome the increase in price that prevailed Monday in St. Louis.

JUGO-SLAVS AND NATTI BREAK OFF

Entire Adriatic Question Now Remains in Suspense.

LONDON, March 2.—The conversations between Premier Nitti of Italy and the Jugo-Slavs, in which Foreign Minister Trumbitch and former Premier Pachitch participated, have been suddenly broken off. It is notsexpected they will be resumed in London during the present week.

The entire Adriatic question remains in suspense and it seems fairly certain no solution of it will be reached while the supreme council is sitting in London, but that the question will be reopened when the peace conference reassembles in Rome toward the end of the month.

According to the present arrangement, Premier Nitti, accompanied by several others of the Italian delegation, will leave here next Saturday. Signor Scialoa, the Italian foreign minister, will remain here as head of the Italian delegation.

No confirmation is obtainable in Italian circles here with regard to the report printed in La Journal, of Paris, from Rome, that Signor Nitti has offered concession to the Jugo-Slavs. The Italians here still are anxious to know what will be President Wilson's attitude toward the reopening of negotiations with regard to the Adriatic controversy.

BIG STORE BURNS.

GREENVILLE, S. C., March 2.—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed the Meyers-Arnold company department store, seriously damaged the adjacent Garing theater and caused damage by smoke and water to other buildings. The loss was estimated at $200,000.

TWO ENGINES DERAILED.

A split switch which caused the derailing of two engines, in the Forest yards of the Southern railroad at noon Tuesday morning, caused rumors of a train wreck to sweep over the city. No one was injured when the engines left the rails.

GOVERNORS TO BE CHIEFS SPEAKERS AT CONFERENCE

Governors Roberts, Eberhart and Brough Will Deliver Addresses Before Southern Christian Citizenship Meet.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 2. (Spl.)—Two governors and one ex-governor constitute the main battery of big guns who will open Southern Christian citizenship conference at the Ryman auditorium here next Sunday for a six-day session, according to the official program announced today.

Gov. A. H. Roberts of Tennessee will welcome the conference and will be followed by ex-Gov. A. O. Eberhart of Minnesota. Gov. Charles H. Brough of Arkansas will be the principal speaker at the night session.

The conference embraces the entire South and will discuss the problems now confronting the American people as related to and affected by the principles and teachings of Christ. Prominent speakers from over the entire country, Europe and China will fill places on the program.

NEGRO CONFESSES HE SHOT MERCHANT

Accuses Another Negro of Murdering Meridian Nightwatchman.

MERIDIAN, Miss., March 2. (Spl.)—Henry Lloyd, a negro, arrested last night, has confessed that he shot J. P. Tyrell, a suburban merchant, Saturday night, and also accused Will Eckles, another negro, of murdering P. W. Davis, nightwatchman, early Sunday morning. Both used the same single-barrel shotgun, he said.

A special term of court will be called to try the two. Tyrell will die from his wounds, physicians say.

The negroes say their purpose was robbery.

Feeling here is running very high.

Coppers Will Get Free Uniforms And Will Be Schooled

The city will pay for the uniforms of policemen, starting with the summer outfit for 1920, and new policemen will be instructed in police duties at a night school, which will be established, under a new plan, announced by John B. Edgar, police commissioner, Tuesday.

The bids for new uniforms will be opened Thursday. Delivery will be expected about May 15. Overcoats, as well as winter uniforms, next October, will be included in the city's beneficence.

Police Chief Joe Burney probably will be instructor-in-chief in the new school. Capts. Kehoe and Lee will take a hand as school marms, too. Miss Clara Ahlgren, head of the women's protective bureau, also will instruct the men.

Some member of the Memphis police department will be delegated to attend the New York police school, when it opens, about two weeks hence. General instruction in police work will be brought back to the local department by way of this messenger's instruction.

FEED, NOT FOOD, IS BASIS OF COMPLAINT

Officials of The Buckeye Cotton Oil company complained of a story appearing Monday in which it was stated that that information had been filed by W. D. Kyser, U. S. district attorney, charging the company with shipping adulterated food. According to the company officials, the charge made in the information is that the company shipped cottonseed meal to Chicago in which the protein content was less than that guaranteed on the tag or label. The meal, the officials say, was not a food product and was not deleterious or harmful.

The basis of the government's charge is that the shipment was "labeled so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser;" that it was "low in protein and high in fiber."

BELA KUN AND HENCHMEN ESCAPE

LONDON, March 2.—Official advices report that Bela Kun, former communist dictator of Hungary, and several of his henchmen have escaped from Austria, whence they fled when the Hungarian counter-revolution became successful last summer.

They are reported as having returned to Hungary and it is feared in official quarters they will attempt to regain power.

DYER MAN PAYS $3,000 FOR SHORTHORN BULL

NEWBERN, Tenn., March 2. (Spl.)—E. R. Ditmore, president of the West Tennessee and Kentucky Shorthorn Breeders' association, has returned from Chicago where he attended the annual Shorthorn show and sale, which was held there last week. Mr. Ditmore, is one of the largest landowners and Shorthorn breeders in Dyer county. He bought a fine Shorthorn bull in Chicago that weighs 2,375 pounds and for which he paid $3,000.

BIG BOAT LAUNCHED.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 2.—The superdreadnought Maryland will be launched here March 20. She is the largest ship yet constructed for the navy, being 600 feet long, 97 feet broad and having a displacement of 32,000 tons. Her main battery will be composed of eight 16-inch rifles, the heaviest guns used on a naval craft.

ADMIT DEVORKIN WILL.

The will of Nathan DeVorkin was admitted to probate by Judge P. M. Guthrie and Joseph Bearman was named as administrator. All money is left by DeVorkin to his divorced wife, Ida, while the remainder of the estate is bequeathed to his two children, Hilda and Edward DeVorkin.

HELD FOR STATE.

Murray Laster, 34, held as a train robber, was bound over to the state Monday when his case was called in city court. He is accused of being the fourth member of a gang which held up Express Messenger Bond Harmon, on the Y. & M. V. Memphis-Vicksburg special four months ago.

DENIKINE'S ARMY TRAPPED IN KUBAN

Line of Communication Southeastward Into Caucasus Cut.

LONDON, March 2.—Gen. Denikine's army has been trapped in the Kuban peninsula southeast of the Sea of Osov, it is claimed in a Russian soviet official statement dated Sunday and received today by wireless from Moscow.

A Bolshevik communique received yesterday announced the capture of Stavropol in the Northern Caucasus, the soviet forces defeating Denikine's troops and annihilating the first Kuban corps. The statement at hand today shows a Bolshevik advance of some 90 miles to the northwest and announces the capture of Tikhoryetskaya, a railroad junction point 80 miles northeast of Yekaterinodar.

(The taking of this junction probably is the basis of the claim that Denikine's forces are trapped, as it cuts their line of communication southeastward into the Caucasus and leaves open only the route through Yekaterinodar to the Black sea at Novorossisk.)

TWO FACE POSSIBLE AUTO THEFT CHARGES

Additional charges of auto theft are likely to be lodged against Jack Washburn, 31, Nowata, Okla., and James Douglas, alias "Avil Joy," 27, Adler apartments, arrested on a charge of larceny of an automobile late Monday by Detectives Taylor and Durham. The men were captured in a South Front street rooming house. They are charged with stealing the machine of H. M. Crawford, contractor. The car was stolen on Feb. 13, and abandoned Feb. 22.

Law Giving Rights To Married Women Attacked In Suit

The constitutionality of the act of the legislature of 1919, which gives to married women the right to make contracts and to convey property is attacked in a demurrer filed Tuesday by Elias Gates, representing Lillian Hart.

Ernest S. Bell, attorney, some time ago filed a bill in chancery court seeking the partition of certain property, one-half interest in which had been conveyed to him. The half interest in the property had previously been conveyed by Lillian Hart to her husband under the terms of the legislative act permitting women to convey their property.

Elias Gates, who represents Lillian Hart, declares in his demurrer to the suit that the act is unconstitutional and that for that reason the property has never been legally conveyed to the husband of Lillian Hart, and subsequently to Bell.

This is the first case in Shelby county in which this act has been attacked as to its constitutionality and the ultimate decision of the court will be watched with more than usual interest because of that fact.

PREMIER OF CHINA QUITS

HONOLULU, T. H., March 2. (By the Associated Press.)—The premier of China has resigned, according to a special cable from Tokio today to Nippu Jiji, Japanese language newspaper here.

Formation of a new Chinese cabinet under Gen. Chin Yun Peng, former acting premier, early last month was considered as a final step toward composing differences between political factions in Peking and establishing a stable regime in China. Observers professed to see behind the formation of the Chin cabinet the influence of Tuan Shih Jui, once Chinese premier and believed to be one of the most powerful politicians in that country. Gen. Chin Yun Peng held in addition to the premership the portfolio of minister of war.

PACKERS BREAK FAITH, IS CHARGE

Live Stock Organizations Hold They Tried to Dominate Counsels.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Charges that the "big five" meat packers had broken agreements with representatives of live stock organizations not to oppose congressional investigation of the packing industry, were made before the house agriculture committee today by E. C. Lassiter, of Texas, representing live stock organizations.

"The packers and their attorneys are not creditable," Mr. Lassiter said. "It is useless for this committee to waste any time in hearing them."

The packers, he continued, have sought to secure control of live stock growers' organizations. By "devious and improper methods," he charged, they have extended their grasp on their industry.

20,000 REFUGEES FLEE CAUCASIA

American Red Cross to Rescue After Novorossisk Evacuation

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 2.—The evacuation of Novorossisk, Caucasia, on the northeast coast of the Black sea, is expected any day by the interallied officials at Constantinople, who are discussing plans for handling the refugees. Preference will be given to the women and children and the wounded must be left behind. It is estimated 20,000 is the total additional number of refugees the allies can take care of.

Of the 20,000 probably 5,000 will be sent to Serbia by way of Salonika, 5,000 to Egypt, 3,000 to Cyprus, 3,000 to Bulgaria, and the remainder to Mitylene and other islands.

Col. Bicanell, of the American Red Cross, is conferring with the interallied officials on the disposition of the refugees, who probably will be carried chiefly on board British ships. Three American torpedo boat destroyers and the cruiser Galveston are at Novorossisk or on their way there.

Turk Claims Girl Sold To Him; Goes To Court About It

NEW YORK, March 2.—The supreme court of New York may be asked to determine whether Rebecca Ellenbogen, a 21-year-old Rumanian girl purchased in Turkey at the age of 16 for $2,000 and brought to this country, still "belongs" to Alexander Alhadoff, a Turk. He was brought before a magistrate's court today on a summons obtained by the girl, who said he had annoyed her.

She told the court she was "sold" to Alhadoff with some kind of a ceremony, but she was unable to state whether it was a legal marriage ceremony. Alhadoff brought her to the United States during the war but recently they quarreled and separated.

"She belongs to me," was the Turk's only comment.

Magistrate Sweetzer suggested he engage a lawyer and bring his case before the supreme court.

FROST DAMAGE IN FLORIDA $5,000,000

MIAMI, Fla., March 2.—Damage estimated at over $5,000,000 was done to the fruit crop and vegetable fields of South Florida by the extremely low temperatures of last night. Vegetable fields north of Miami were practically wiped out while early reports show the damage to the south to be about 75 per cent. Bloom on the grapefruit, avocado and mango trees was destroyed.

Temperatures last night were the lowest ever officially recorded here for March, 34 degrees.

GETS NINETY DAYS FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT

John Mawbey, an aged white man indicted several weeks ago for an alleged attempted assault upon a little girl, entered a plea of guilty to a simple assault battery before Judge Tom Hatch, in Second division of criminal court Tuesday and was sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse.

This sentence was levied upon recommendation of the state's attorney.

LAD DYING AFTER BEING RUN DOWN; GO AFTER AUTOIST

Youth of 12 in Hospital Near Death While Police Chief Confers With State's Attorney Regarding Action.

Monroe Littlefield, 12, son of Mrs. Maggie Utley, 577 Vance avenue, is dying at the Baptist Memorial hospital, from injuries he received Monday night when he was run down by an automobile driven by Ray Black, 27, proprietor of an automobile repair shop. While doctors were fending off death from the unconscious form of the lad, Police Chief Burney took stringent action to bring serious consequences onto the heads of autoists who run down pedestrians.

Chief Burney conferred with Sam O. Hates, state's attorney, Tuesday morning. As a result of that conference a charge of assault with intent to commit murder has been lodged against Black, the driver of the machine. Eugene Heth, aviator employed by the Memphis Aerial company, who was riding in Black's car when it struck the Littlefield boy, is held on a similar charge. In case the boy dies, as seems probable, the charge will be changed to voluntary manslaughter.

The lad, riding a bicycle, was run down 100 feet north of Madison avenue, on Manassas street.

Both Black and Heth claim that the lad, riding a bicycle, cut diagonally across Manassas street in their path, while they were going 15 miles an hour. Their car struck him, they say.

Black and Heth placed the unconscious form of the boy in their machine and drove him to the Baptist Memorial hospital. They left the hospital without disclosing their identity, police say. They were arrested two hours after the accident by Detectives Griffin, White, Peters and Hoyle.

Black was driving a car owned by R. L. Mosdley, of Sunflower, Miss. The car had been left with him for repairs. Police got the first trail of the man driving the machine when they learned from Otto H. Lingenfelder the number of the machine. Later they arrested Black at his home, 454 Monroe avenue. A charge of manslaughter will be preferred against Black, if the lad dies.

Mystery surrounded the identity of the injured boy throughout Monday night. His uncle, G. W. Littlefield, identified him at the hospital early Tuesday. The lad is the son of Mrs. Maggie Utley, of 577 Vance avenue. He has been unconscious since the accident.

The action of Chief Burney in ordering a charge of assault to commit murder placed against Black and Heth is the opening gun in a campaign police will wage against reckless drivers of autos. Heretofore, it has been customary, when a person is run down, to charge the driver of the auto with reckless driving. This is a misdemeanor and punishable only by a fine in city court. The new charge, lodged against Black and Heth, will take the case automatically to the grand jury, and thence to the criminal courts, in case an indictment is returned against the men.

Manslaughter being punishable by a heavier penalty than the assault charge, it will be lodged against Black and Heth in case the boy dies from his injuries.

Both Black and Heth made bond Tuesday on the charge preferred against them. Bond was fixed in the sum of $1,000 each.

INCREASED PRODUCTION TO FEATURE MEETING

Increased production will be the influence that will affect every subject discussed at the eighth annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in Atlantic City in April. Announcement that increased production would feature the meeting was contained in a letter received Monday by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce from Ben H. Lamb, of the national chamber, who is in Washington.

Mr. Lamb announced also that the program committee of the organization would meet in Washington this week. The delegates will devote much time to discussion of agricultural problems. Among subjects to be discussed besides agriculture are transportation, communication, foreign commerce and marketing. By increasing production it is hoped some means will be found by which the cost of living can be reduced.

NEGRO GETS "11-29" ON LARCENY CHARGE

Mann Graham, a negro, indicted on a charge of larceny from the person, was found guilty by a jury in First division of criminal court Tuesday. The verdict of the jury declares Graham guilty of attempt to commit larceny and his punishment was fixed at 11 months and 29 days in the county workhouse.

A motion for a new trial was filed before Judge J. Ed Richards and it will be heard on March 6. Graham is charged with having picked the pocket of Bud Howard, another negro, as they were boarding a train at the Grand Central station Jan. 27.

NAME TREZEVANT INSURANCE HEAD

M. B. Trezevant, of Memphis, has been named manager of the insurance department of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. A., with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Trezevant, who is a brother of S. H. Trezevant, U. S. marshal, has been connected with the Chamber of Commerce for the past three years, before which time he had been secretary of the New Orleans chamber.

THE WEATHER

Twenty-four hours to noon, March 2.

Hour.	Temperature— Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb	Humid'y
7 p.m. yes'day.	43	34	38
7 a.m. today	37	33	57
Noon today	49	40	40

Maximum, 43; minimum, 37. Sun sets today 5:57 p.m. Rises tomorrow 6:27 a.m. Moon rises 5:20 a.m. tonight. Precipitation, none.

Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi—Cloudy, warmer, probably rain.

Arkansas, Alabama—Cloudy, warmer, unsettled.

Louisiana — Increasing cloudiness, warmer.

Oklahoma—Warmer, unsettled.

East and West Texas—Increasing cloudiness, except in Panhandle.

Florida—Generally fair, slowing rising temperature, light frost probable in interior of north and central portions.

Georgia—Cloudy, warmer.

North and South Carolina—Fair, warmer.