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SAYS AUTOPSY SHOWS NO POISON

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATES ALLENDALE COUNTY DEATHS. AKIN TELLS OF VISIT TO THE HOME OF LEES—WELL LOCATED NEAR STOCK YARD.

Columbia, Nov. 10.—Arsenical poisoning did not bring about the deaths of four members of the family of Joe Lee of Baldoc, Allendale county, judging from the condition of the stomach and intestines of the mother of the family, according to the report submitted yesterday to Governor Cooper by Dr. C. V. Akin, representative of the state board of health, who, in company with Dr. A. H. Hayden, epidemiologist of the state health body, went to Baldoc Tuesday to investigate the deaths from a health standpoint.

Four members of this family have died and the father is now very ill in a hospital in Augusta. Three children of the family died last week and the mother passed away last Monday. The state health department was requested by physicians and citizens of the community to send representatives to make an investigation, and Tuesday Dr. Hayden and Dr. Akin made a report on the case to the governor.

Dr. Akin said yesterday that the internal organs of one of the children had been sent to Clemson college for examination, and that the internal organs of the mother had been sent to Charleston. If arsenic in sufficient quantities to cause death was ingested with food or water, the examinations now being made should readily detect the presence of the poison, Dr. Akin said.

A well, located near a stable lot furnished the water for the family. Dr. Akin says physicians of the community said they had examined the water and found present in it "wiggly tails" in large numbers and very much alive. The presence of these animals in a living state was opposed to the theory of the well being poisoned, Dr. Akin says. Symptoms described by attending physicians also tend to rule out the poison theory.

MT. CARMEL MAN ACQUITTED.

Greenwood, Nov. 10.—A verdict of not guilty was returned late yesterday afternoon in federal court in the case of David L. Bryson of Mt. Carmel, charged with violation of the Harrison anti-narcotic law. Federal court adjourned today at noon.

Dr. Bryson was indicted on three counts with selling narcotic, failure to keep records required under the Harrison law, and purchase of narcotics for use other than in his practice. Trial of the case began Monday afternoon and lasted through yesterday afternoon. The jury was not charged until court reconvened after the lunch hour. Dr. Bryson was represented by General M. L. Bonham of Anderson.

SPECIAL MEETING SATURDAY

Parent-Teacher Association Meets Saturday at 4 O'clock.

A called meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held in the graded school Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to consider the question of whether non-members shall have a right to vote in the contests to determine which grade is entitled to the cash prizes offered by the association for the largest attendance.

It is important that each member interested in this question attend this special meeting and speak out her opinion. The officers of the association feel that it is right that these awards be made as the majority of the members feel they should be made. A vote will be taken at the meeting Saturday to determine what is the will of the majority present.

No other business will be taken up, so the meeting will be short.

BRIAND SPEAKS OF CONFERENCE

EXPECTS PRINCIPLES TO BE FIXED—PREMIER OF FRANCE GIVES HIS VIEWS AS TO PROGRAM TO BE FOLLOWED AND WORK TO BE DONE

Washington, Nov. 10.—General principles upon which questions at issue are to be settled will be laid down in the first days of the conference on limitation of armament and Pacific and Far Eastern questions, according to the opinion expressed today by Premier Briand of France at a conference with American newspaper correspondents. He discussed freely the work of the conference and the spirit in which he and his associates in the French delegation will approach it.

"My conception of the first days of the conference," the premier said, "is that it will lay down the principles upon which naval armaments, land armaments, and Pacific questions are to be settled. It will be for the conference itself to decide the range of discussions but my feeling is that it will not go beyond the lines I have indicated and as stipulated in the agenda, already approved by the participating governments."

"Will the question of European debts to the United States come up?" he was asked.

"I do not think so," he replied. "France has no disposition to bring forward the question and I do not see that any subject not upon the program could be considered without the consent of all the governments represented."

CLEMSON COLLEGE GETS LARGE SUM OF MONEY

Columbia, Nov. 10.—Clemson college authorities yesterday borrowed \$92,842.11 from the state government, the checks for this amount being made out to the college at the comptroller general's office. The loan was made under the terms of a joint resolution passed by the legislature last year authorizing the state to advance up to \$150,000 if necessary to run the college.

The resolution provided that the loan should be made by the sinking fund commission if possible, but the commission could not meet the amount, it was said yesterday. On November 4 the college borrowed \$20,000 and yesterday's amount brings the total to \$112,842.11.

TEACHERS MEETING

D. L. Lewis To Be Speaker November 19th.

The first meeting of teachers of the county will be held in the court house next Saturday, November 19. D. L. Lewis, state supervisor of rural schools will be the speaker.

There is always much profit and pleasure in the teachers' meetings and Superintendent of Education Mann hopes that a large attendance will mark the first meeting of the year.

OFF TO DUE WEST

Many Local Fans Witness Erskine-Newberry Game.

Several automobile parties went up to Due West today to witness the Erskine-Newberry game. This is Phillips' last game as an undergraduate and hundreds of his admirers will see him play today. Erskine has called the old grads from every section, making this a kind of homecoming day.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. R. C. Grier, D. D., president of Erskine College, will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

POLICEMAN CANNON KILLED LAST NIGHT

Three Men Engage in Pistol Duel in City Hall Building.—Policeman Crawford and Deputy Sheriff Cann Also Receive Wounds.

As the result of a pistol duel last night in the city hall, Policeman H. B. Cannon is dead, shot through his body, Policeman C. W. Crawford is wounded through the neck and Deputy Sheriff T. L. Cann is seriously injured, there being four wounds in his body, one of them piercing the lung cavity. His condition is serious this morning, though physicians expect that he will live.

An inquest has not yet been held, but from information current on the street it is said that Mr. Cannon had been drinking heavily. He was in the hall of the second floor of the city hall. Policemen Crawford, Cannon and Stevenson went upstairs to induce the deputy sheriff to go home. Mr. Stevenson said he heard Cannon say, "Crawford, keep away from me," and almost immediately the shooting began. Mr. Crawford stumbled or fell back into Mr. Stevenson's arms, a bullet having entered the right side of his mouth and coming out at the back of his neck, slightly to the right side. As Mr. Cannon came to the top of the stairs several other shots were fired, Mr. Cannon being shot in the right arm and right hand.

Mr. Stevenson says he assisted Mr. Crawford out of the building, the shooting for the time having stopped. As he backed his car from the curb to take Mr. Crawford to the hospital, Mr. Stevenson says he heard several more shots in the hall downstairs and saw Mr. Cannon on the floor. He also said he saw Cann walk from the building, with his pistol in his hand, and turn down the walk towards the Eureka hotel.

Following the shooting Cann walked to his home on Magazine Street. Dr. C. C. Gambrell made an examination and dressed the wounds. According to him there are four external wounds on Mr. Cann's body, two in the right side and two in the right arm. He was not able to say

"RAINBOW IN SKY" AT WASHINGTON

LLOYD GEORGE SPEAKS OF CONFERENCE—PREMIER ALSO REFERS TO IRISH SITUATION WITH SOME DEGREE OF HOPE IN OUTCOME.

London, Nov. 10.—The lord mayor's banquet this evening assumed more than national importance when the prime minister, replying to the mayor's toast to the cabinet ministers, followed the custom of such gatherings at the historic Guild hall of speaking his mind regarding foreign affairs.

The custom has been that the prime minister must touch only foreign policies in his annual Guild hall speech, but in response to the lord mayor's suggestion that the guests anxiously awaited news of the Irish conference, Mr. Lloyd George quickly expanded the statement made early in this speech that "the Washington conference is like a rainbow in the sky," and then passed to the question of Ireland.

He declared that there was a better prospect of Great Britain's proposals to Ireland being heeded today and of Ireland accepting the invitation to enter the British commonwealth as an equal than for years, but that the conference still was in a critical stage. Beyond this he carefully refrained from divulging the results or the possibilities of the conference which are now being held with the Irish representatives.

TRADERS TO MEET EARLY NEXT WEEK

WILLIAMSTON MAN, PRESIDENT OF STATEWIDE CONVENTION, COMPLETES ARRANGEMENTS. TO LAST FOUR DAYS, BEGINNING TUESDAY.

James Wilson of Williamston, president of the South Carolina Traders Convention, was in Abbeville this week completing arrangements for the annual convention which will be held in Abbeville next week, beginning Tuesday and lasting through Saturday. Mr. Wilson has attended these trade weeks in other towns and says they are growing more popular every year.

"In every household," the announcement reads, "are found numerous articles of furnishings or farm equipment which are no longer used. Although they may not have completed their period of possible usefulness they are no longer needed and are cast aside. In other homes are other articles of similar character and different usage. The plan is to collect these articles at some central point and by trading or otherwise let the things fall into hands that have need for them."

"In other words, this is an effort to do by word of mouth what the want ads in the daily paper do—reverse the cycle of usefulness of things. If a thing is laid aside before it is worn out, there is a wastage that it is possible to avoid. At this time it is especially desirable that economy should be practiced. Hence the traders convention—which in time will become a popular and useful institution."

"Bring your horses, mules, cows, goats, chickens, hogs, farming implements, household furnishings—anything. There will be something you can trade it for and better yourself."

WINS VERDICT OF \$2,000 IN LYING CASE

Widow of Joe Stewart Who Was Lynched in Laurens Given Damage Against County.

Laurens, Nov. 10.—The widow of Joe Stewart, negro who was lynched here in April 1920, has just won a verdict of \$2,000 damages as a result from the county of Laurens. Suit for the amount under the constitutional requirements was brought by the widow, Henrietta Stewart, in the common pleas court and Judge McIver, who was presiding, directed the jury to bring in a verdict for the full sum.

The negro Stewart was taken from the city jail in April, 1920, and hanged from a river bridge. He had difficulty earlier in the night with a party of young white men, two of whom received knife wounds.

No appeal has yet been taken by the Laurens county attorneys from the verdict of \$2,000 given by a jury in the court of common pleas here Tuesday afternoon in favor of Henrietta Stewart, negro, whose husband was taken from the city jail and killed by a mob in April, 1920. The verdict was given in accordance with the provision of the state constitution of 1895, which provides that "in all cases of lynching where death ensues, the county where such lynching takes place, shall, without regard to the conduct of the officers, be liable in exemplary damages of not less than two thousand dollars to the legal representatives of the person lynched."

ARMISTICE DAY.

The city had a holiday appearance today, most all places of business being closed in observance of Armistice Day. Some of the stores did not open at all today, among these being Rosenberg's. The postoffice observed holiday hours. George B. Cromer of Newberry was the speaker at the exercises in the opera house at 3:30, a good crowd being present.

SUPPORT ASSURED CONFERENCE EFFORT

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS HEART OF GREAT BRITAIN IS DEEPLY SET ON SUCCESS WHILE POPE BENEDICT CABLES APPROVAL OF PURPOSES FROM ROME

Washington, Nov. 10.—While the delegates of the powers were quietly at work today perfecting their plans for the armament conference, cheering assurances of support for the purposes of the negotiations reached Washington from two important quarters of the old world.

David Lloyd George, the British premier, in a message expressing regret that he could not attend the opening session on Saturday, declared the heart of Great Britain was "deeply set upon the success of the conference," and promised the diligent efforts of the United Kingdom toward a solution of the problem of armaments. At the same time it became known through unofficial channels that Pope Benedict had given his approval and might pronounce the official sanction of the holy see at the consistory of November 21. He has prepared to maintain close contact with the negotiations as they develop.

The certainty of support by two such powerful forces struck a note of encouragement in all the delegations as they conferred among themselves on the work ahead. For the most part these conferences produced no surface developments of importance, although they brought together for the first time the full membership of the American delegation and its advisory committee and gave the representatives of other powers, occupied hitherto with a succession of ceremonial visits, a breathing space in which to review their plans in the light of their experience on American soil.

The meeting of the American big four and the advisory committee of 21 was little more than a preliminary get-together. The policies to be fostered by this government in the conference were laid before the committee members only in the most general way, details of the naval reduction program worked out by the delegates being withheld until a permanent committee organization is effected.

Former Senator George Sutherland of Utah was formally chosen chairman of the advisory body but further organization details were left in the hands of a special committee of six which will report at another meeting tomorrow. Mr. Sutherland was placed at the head of the special committee whose other members are Samuel Gompers, Rear Admiral William L. Rodgers, Willard Saulsbury, Henry P. Fletcher and Mrs. Eleanor Franklin Egan. Organization of a number of subcommittees to deal with particular problems is expected to be included in the recommendations submitted at tomorrow's meeting.

RAILROAD TO SPEND 15 MILLION FOR EQUIPMENT

Chicago, Nov. 10.—Believing there is a decided improvement in general business conditions, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, and its subsidiary, the Colorado and Southern lines, authorized Monday the immediate expenditure of \$1,000,000 for new equipment.

Directors of two lines met here this afternoon. The action was taken from consideration of business survey made by the roads.

GREENVILLE WINS

Abbeville Loses Second of Season, 21 to 0.

A good sized crowd saw the Greenville High team beat Abbeville this morning, by the onesided score of 21 to 0. The Abbeville lads fought hard but they could not quite get the ball over, while the Greenville backs gained easily through the locals' line.