

NEGRO HANGED TO TREE WHERE HE ASSAULTED GIRL

Confessed Assailant Is Then Burned Before Orderly Crowd

By Associated Press.
Ellisville, Miss., June 27.—Trained for ten days through Southern Mississippi by posse which included several hundred members of his own race, John Hartfield, negro, confessed assailant of an Ellisville young woman, was captured desperately wounded in a cane brake yesterday morning, rushed by an automobile to the scene of his crime, hanged to a gum tree and burned to ashes. His victim identified him and witnessed his execution.

Governor Bilbo, petitioned during the day to intervene, in a statement issued at Jackson shortly before the lynching declared himself "utterly powerless" and said that interference would only lead to the deaths of hundreds of persons and that "nobody can keep the inevitable from happening."

The lynching was conducted in a manner which the authorities characterized as "orderly." Guarded by

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a committee of citizens of Ellisville, Hartfield was taken first to the office of Dr. J. Carter, who after examinations of gunshot wounds received when the fugitive made his fight against capture, declared the negro could not live longer than 24 hours. In the meantime a group of silent men were piling cross ties and brush in a depression in the ground near the railroad tracks. There was no shouting. Arrangements apparently had been made days ago.

After Hartfield had been identified as being brought here, there were quiet conferences. Members of the committee circulated in the crowd. Reports that there would be a "burning" at 5 o'clock gave way to a statement that there would be a "hanging" at the big gum tree.

Hartfield was told what the crowd intended doing with him, but only repeated, "You have the right man."

Confesses Act
From the doctor's office, Hartfield was taken to the street and faced the crowd. "You have the right man," he reiterated. Then a noose found its way around his neck and the trip to the big gum tree was started, the crowd all silent.

Under this big gum tree Hartfield forcibly detained his victim all of the night of Sunday, June 15. It was under a limb of that same gum tree that he was hanged as soon as the rope could be pulled up by hundreds of hands.

Then occurred the first demonstration. While the body was in its death struggles, pistols were produced by men in the crowd and fired point blank at the swinging form. Before the rope had been cut by bullets, burning tags were thrown under the body and an hour later there was only a pile of ashes.

No arrests were made after lynching and to-day the little town is quiet.

Use Gas in Robbing York County Hen Roosts

Mount Wolf, Pa., June 27.—The application of the science of war-time, the gas attack, to such a peaceful pursuit as the robbing of hen roosts, is the new "stunt" introduced by the "knights of the night."

This latest method of securing another man's hens without any noise, was introduced in the Druck Valley, near here, several nights ago, when a raid was made on the hen house owned by William Fisher. The raid resulted in a net gain of probably upwards of 100 choice hens for the thief. Observation of the actions of the few hens left behind by the thief, gave rise to the theory that an anesthetic had been used to "quiet" the chickens and to render their removal absolutely noiseless.

WILSON AT DINNER BIDS FAREWELL TO FRENCH REPUBLIC

Says Visit to Europe Has Allowed Him to See the Damage Wrought by War; Defends Slow Policy of Allies in Arriving at Terms of Peace With Central Powers

By Associated Press.
Paris, June 27.—President Poincaré last night gave a dinner to President Wilson and all the delegates to the Peace Conference. Mrs. Wilson accompanied the President.

Responding to an address made by M. Poincaré, President Wilson said: "I thank you most sincerely for the words that you have uttered. I cannot pretend, sir, that the prospect of going home is not very delightful to me, but I can say with the greatest sincerity that the prospect of leaving France is very painful to me."

"I have received a peculiarly generous welcome here, and it has been pleasing for me to feel that the prospect of going home is not much for myself as for the people whom I represented. And the people of France know how to give a welcome that makes a man's heart glad. They have a spontaneity about them, a simplicity of friendship, which is altogether delightful."

Trips to France a Lesson
"I feel that my stay here, sir, has enlightened both my heart and my mind. It has enabled me personally to see the evidence of the suffering and the sacrifices of France. It has enabled me to come into personal touch with the leaders of the French people, and through the medium of intercourse with them to understand better, I hope, than I understood before the motives, the ambitions and the principles which actuate this great nation. It has, therefore, been to me a lesson in the roots of friendship in those things which make the intercourse of nations profitable and serviceable for all the rest of mankind."

"Sometimes the work of the conference has seemed to go very slowly indeed. Sometimes it has seemed as if there were unnecessary obstacles to agreement; but as the weeks have lengthened I have seemed to see the profit that came out of that. Quick conclusions would not have produced that intimate knowledge of each other's mind which I think has come out of these daily conferences."

"We have been constantly in the presence of each other's minds and

motives and characters, and the comradeship which are based upon that sort of knowledge are bound to be very much more intelligent not only, but to breed a much more intimate sympathy and comprehension than could otherwise be created.

"These six months have been six months which have woven new fibers of connection between the parts of our people. And something more than friendship and intimate sympathy has come out of this intercourse."

"Friendship is a very good thing. Intimacy is a very enlightening thing. But friendship may end with sentiment. A new thing that has happened is that we have translated our common principles and our common purposes into a common plan. Where we part, we are not going to part with a divided work, with each a work one portion of which is finished and the other portion of which is only begun."

"We have finished the formation of the peace, but we have begun a plan for co-operation which I believe will broaden and strengthen the years to go by so that this grip of the hand that we have taken now will need to be relaxed. We have been and shall continue to be comrades. We shall continue to be co-workers in tasks which, because they are common, will weave out of our sentiments a common conception of duty and a common conception of the rights of men of every race and of every clime. If it be true that that has been accomplished, it is a very great thing."

"As I go away from these scenes, I think I shall realize that I have been present at one of the most vital things that has happened in the history of the nations. Nations have formed contracts with each other before, but they never have formed partnerships. They have associated themselves temporarily, but they have never before associated themselves permanently."

"The wrong that was done in the waging of this war was a great wrong, but it awakened the world to a great moral necessity of seeing that it was necessary that men should band themselves together in order that such a wrong should never be perpetrated again."

"Merely to beat a nation that was wrong once is not enough. There must follow the warning to all other nations that would do like things that they in turn will be vanquished and shamed if they attempt a dishonorable purpose."

"You can see, therefore, sir, with what deep feelings those of us who must now for a little while turn away from France, shall leave your shores; and though the ocean is broad it will seem very narrow in the future. It will be easier to understand each other than it ever was before, and with the confident intercourse of co-operation, the understanding which has been opened into action, and action will itself educate alike our purpose and our thought."

"So, sir, in saying good-by to France, I am saying good-by to physical good-by; not a spiritual good-by. I shall retain in my heart always the warm feelings which the generous treatment of this great people has generated in my heart. And I wish in my turn, sir, to propose, as you have proposed, the continued and increasing friendship of the two nations, the safety and prosperity of France, the closer and closer communion of free peoples, and the strengthening of every influence which instructs the mind and the purpose of humanity."

German Ministers to Sign the Treaty Off For Versailles

By Associated Press.
Paris, June 27.—Dr. Herman Mueller, the German foreign minister, and Dr. Bell, minister of colonies, who have been selected to sign the peace treaty, will arrive at Versailles Saturday morning, the Havas Agency learns.

Dr. Mueller and Dr. Bell are leaving Berlin by the ordinary train.

Lancaster Businessmen Ban Booze at Their Club

Lancaster, Pa., June 27.—The Hamilton Club, a social organization of this city, will be bone dry from the first of July. The directors at a meeting this week decided that they would comply fully with the provision of the war-time prohibition act and will not allow evasions of the law by the locker system or any other plan.

Liquor is to be banished from the club and whether its sale is restored or not the club will remain strictly dry.

Gilbert Succeeds Finegan in New York School Post

Albany, N. Y., June 27.—Frank D. Gilbert, of Albany, chief of the law division of the state department of education, has been elected unanimously as deputy state commissioner of education by the board of regents. He succeeds Thomas E. Finegan, who resigned to become state superintendent of education of Pennsylvania.

Allentown Baby Drowns in a Bucket of Water

Allentown, Pa., June 27.—Falling out of bed into a bucket of water yesterday, 18-month-old Robert Rau, son of Linir Rau, of South Allentown, was drowned.

HIGHER PRICE FOR WHEAT

New York, June 27.—An increase in the Government's guaranteed price of wheat from \$2.25 to \$2.30 bushel at the terminal markets of Galveston and New Orleans, effective July 1, was announced last night by Julius Barnes, United States Wheat Director, under authority granted him in an executive order issued yesterday by President Wilson.

FUGITIVE ARRESTED

By Associated Press.
New York, June 27.—Howard France, charged with having escaped from the State prison at Trenton, N. J., where he was serving a term of from ten to twenty years after being convicted of 29 burglaries at Atlantic City, was arrested here last night.

WATCH NEXT STEP IN THE ESCAPE OF EX-CROWN PRINCE

Peace Delegates at Paris Refrain From Official Discussion

By Associated Press.
Paris, June 27.—The Peace Conference has not yet been officially advised of the escape of the Crown Prince from Holland, the news having come through British sources.

Pending details official discussion of the event and its bearing on German affairs and the question whether it involves violation of neutrality by Holland is withheld.

Recent Berlin despatches printed in the Paris newspapers are recalled, in which unnamed but alleged well placed persons commented on the sinking of the German fleet in Scapa Flow and the burning of French

battle flags said they were not surprised and declared that other equally startling events might be anticipated.

Since the Scapa Flow incident the Paris press has insistently alluded to the possibility of the former German Emperor's escape from Holland, coupled with the indirect question as to what measures had been taken to prevent such a movement in military quarters the chief was expressed to-day that the Crown Prince and Prince Max of Baden are on their way to East Prussia where the military reactionary element is strong. The opinion is that there may be among the old junker officer class those who, whatever opinion is held against the former Crown Prince personally, might try to use him as "the man on horseback."

The presence in Germany at this moment of Frederick William, when the fate of the Peace Treaty still hangs in the balance, has caused disquietude in Paris and there is considerable speculation regarding the next development in the situation.

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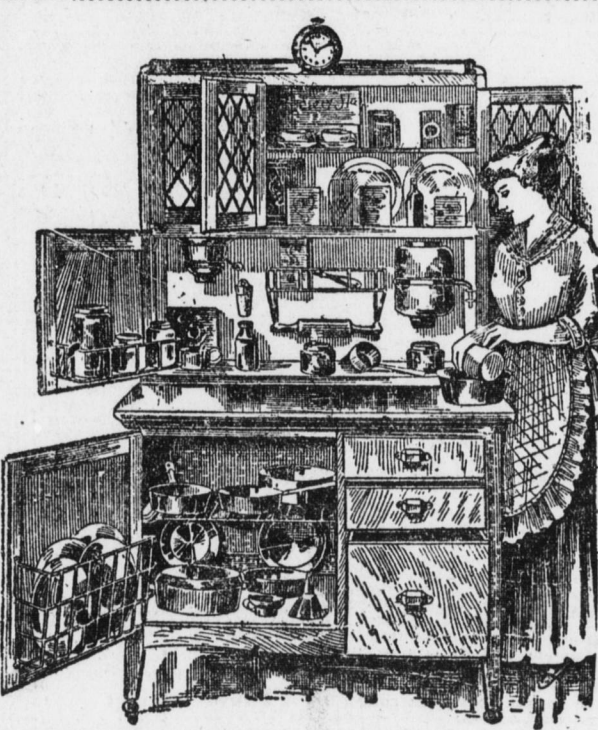
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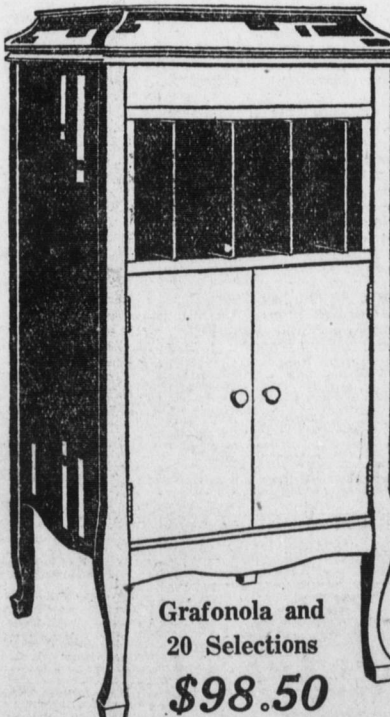
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