

DRAWING UNBIASED JURY WORRIES MER ROUGE OFFICIAL

State Fears Fraternal Ties Will Outweigh Good Citizenship in Trial of Terrorists Accused of Murder.

By United Press
MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 30.—Can an unbiased jury be drawn in Morehouse parish to try those responsible for the murders of F. Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards?

Will fraternal ties outweigh good citizenship and can a body of twelve men be found in the parish that is not related to the accused members of the Ku-Klux Klan, rightly or wrongly accused of the crimes?

These are the questions that are worrying Federal and State

officials in their attempt to ferret out the terrorist activities of the hooded band in the Louisiana town.

Arrest of forty or more prominent citizens on charges of murder are awaited today as the next step in the State's effort to solve the slayings.

Citizens of Morehouse parish were all expectant, believing any moment officials would swoop down and make the arrests. Many under surveillance were said to mask their activities as they masked their faces during the escapades last August.

The State worked in secrecy, as the natural cleanliness of the folks of southern Louisiana farm country has been strengthened since the arrival of the troops.

With two men under arrest, Dr. B. M. McColin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, in jail at Baltimore and T. J. Burnett held at Mer Rouge, Attorney General Coco declared that confessions of other members of the mob has resulted in preparations of a clean-cut case against them, despite the fact there may be no convictions.

Public hearings on the activities of the invisible empire are to be held on Jan. 5.

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tion of their offensive and defensive forces. Restrictions and reductions have been often imposed in peace treaties by triumphant nations upon their beaten foes. The Versailles treaty is an example of that operation. But at Washington the victors negotiated mutual cutting down of navies built for national safety and strengthened by national pride.

One Disturbing Factor

It is true that France and Italy have not yet ratified the arrangement arrived at. That is a disturbing factor; their attitude, if persisted in, may ultimately have the effect of upsetting a balance it took months of care and thought to adjust. We must, however, continue to hope that wiser counsels will prevail when wiser counsels are listened to.

MEANWHILE, FRIENDS OF PEACE HAVE SOLID GROUND FOR THEIR REJOICING IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS ALREADY EFFECTED IN THE NAVAL PROGRAMS OF THE MOST POWERFUL MARITIME COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD—Britain, the United States and Japan—as a direct result of the Washington negotiations. American statesmanship has given a lead of which it is entitled to boast, and 1922, when it departs, is entitled to claim that this triumph of good understanding has brought a measure of glory which will give it peculiar splendor amongst the years of the earth's history.

The gatherings at Cannes and Genoa can also claim outstanding merit in the large and growing family of international conferences. At Washington the allies alone foregathered. At Cannes and Genoa nations came together which had only recently emerged out of deadly conflict with each other.

"Without Recognition"

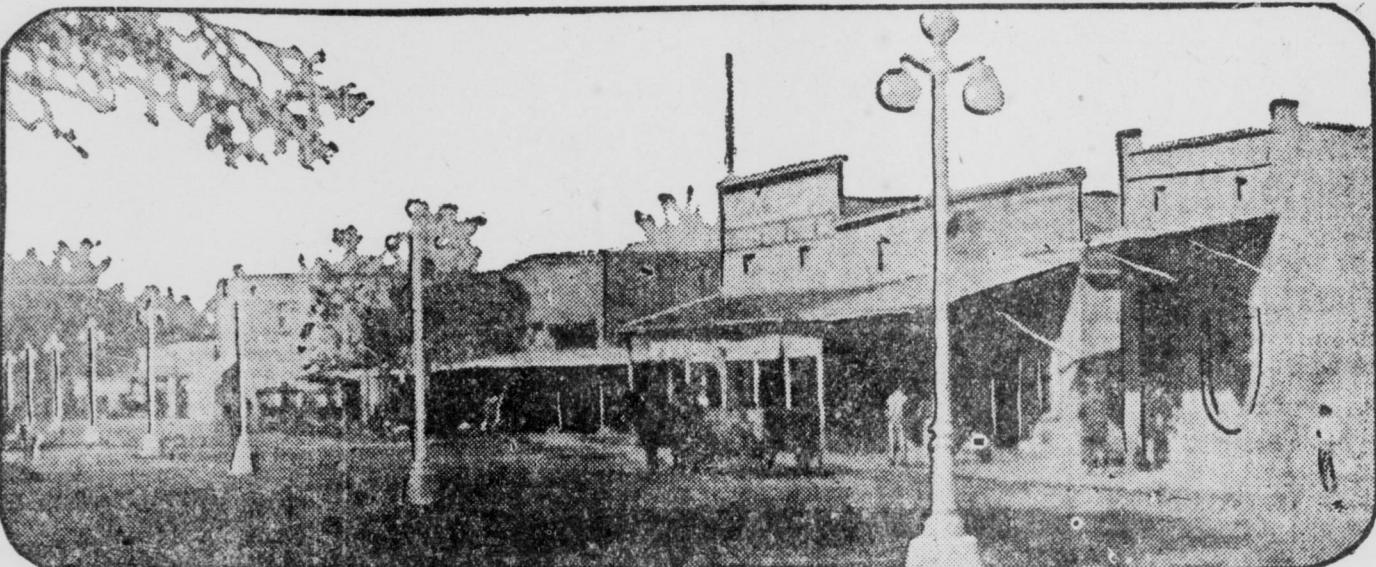
At each conference I met on both sides men who had only just recovered from severe wounds sustained in this struggle. At Cannes, French, Belgian, Italian and Japanese, as well as British ministers and experts, sat down in council with German ministers and experts to discuss the vexed question of reparations without taunt or recrimination. There was calm recognition not only of the needs of the injured countries, but also of the difficulties of the offending State. Outside and beyond the German problem there was a resolve to eliminate all the various elements of disturbance, political and economic, that kept Europe in ferment and made its restoration impossible.

It was decided to summon all late belligerent nations to a great conference at Genoa to discuss reconstruction. To these were added the neutral nations of Europe. It was a great decision.

Here Are Obstacles

There were three obstacles in the way of realizing the program. First was the stipulation of France that specific problems raised by the treaty of Versailles should be excluded altogether from the purview of the conference. This was a grave limitation of its functions and chances. Still, if the Cannes sittings had continued an arrangement

Eyes of Entire Nation Are Glued on Mer Rouge 'Main Street'



Motive?

Why were F. Watt Daniel and Thomas F. Richards lured from their homes by a masked hooded band, beaten and mutilated, slain and thrown into Lake La Fourche?

The motive behind this Louisiana tragedy is being sought by secret service men who have been aiding Attorney General A. V. Coco and State authorities in their probe, carried out under protection of militia machine guns.

The masked men, secret service men learned, accused Richards and Daniel of being bootleggers and habitual lawbreakers. Investigation has disproved this charge.

Richards operated the Mer Rouge garage. Hatred between him and the masked men was born when they held a banquet in his garage and he demanded an aisle be kept open for cars, according to agents.

Later Dr. D. M. McColin, then mayor, was said to have been fired at with a shotgun while driving his car. The hooded men sought to implicate Richards. But secret service men have shown that McColin could not have been in the car when the shot was fired. McColin is held without bail at Baltimore on a murder charge.

When kidnaped, the two men were threatened and the hooded band refused to allow them to speak in their defense, it is said. Richards bitterly denounced the hooded men and swore he would divulge to the authorities the names of those he recognized.

Since the finding of the bodies, two members of the mob are said to have confessed, implicating forty-five others.

ment might have been arrived at there together, and then with the Germans, which would have helped the deliberations of Genoa.

The second obstacle was the refusal of America to participate in the discussions. Why? This was probably good reason for that refusal, but the Recording Angel alone knows them all fully and accurately.

The third obstacle was the fall of the Grand ministry and the substitution of less sympathetic administration.

In spite of all these serious drawbacks Genoa accomplished great things. It brought together into the same rooms enemies who had not met for years except on the battlefield. They conferred and conversed around the same table for weeks. Thus broke breed and drank wine together at the same festive boards. Before the conference came to an end there was an atmosphere of friendliness which was in itself a guarantee of peaceful relations, for the delegates who represented the nations at Genoa were all men of real influence in their respective countries.

But, however important the intangible result, there was much more achieved. Thirty nations represented in assembly entered into a solemn pact not to commit any act of aggression against their neighbors. When they entered the conference there were few of them who were not oppressed with suspicions that these neighbors meditated violence against their frontiers.

One of the most promising results of the pact and the improved atmospheric conditions out of which

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Friendly Understanding

This is not the time to dwell upon the important agreements come to at Genoa on questions of exchange, credit and transport. All the recommendations made depend for their successful carrying out on the establishment of real peace and friendly understanding between Nations. Peace and good will on earth is still the only healing balm for idealists to preach and statesmen to practice. Without it, plans and protocols must inevitably fail.

Where does peace stand?

The weary angel is still on wing, for the waters have not yet subsided. She may, perhaps, find a foothold in the great west, and Britain is fairly safe—not yet Ireland. But the continent of Europe is still swampy and insecure.

The debate in the French chamber on reparations is not encouraging. The only difference of opinion in the discussion was that displayed between those who advocated an advance into the Ruhr and seizure of pledges further in German territory, and those who preferred "developing" the left bank of the Rhine. Occupying, controlling, developing, annexing—they all mean the same thing—that the provinces to the left bank of the Rhine is to be torn from Germany and grafted into France.

"It Is Sinister Note"

There is no peace in this talk. It is a sinister note on which to end the pacific music of 1922. You must interpret it in connection with another event of 1922—the Russo-German agreement. Since then, Chicherin—the spirit of mischief incarnate—has almost made Berlin his studio. The men who are devoting their energies to developing new frontiers for Germany are preparing new terms for their own and their neighbors' children.

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Louisiana town, on which eyes of Nation are focused, as result of terrorist outrages.

INDIANAPOLIS ROTARIANS GOING TO MICHIGAN CITY

Reserve Ten Pullmans to Attend Conference.

Indianapolis Rotarians are making preparations to attend the annual conference of the Rotary Clubs of the Twentieth district at Michigan City, Feb. 21 and 22.

The local club has made reservation for ten Pullmans. The Indianapolis delegation will be accompanied by a glee club and other entertainers.

Michigan City is expecting 2,000 visitors.

OWSLEY ON TOUR

Alvin Owsley, American Legion national commander, has left national headquarters here on an extensive speaking tour of the West. He will address meetings sponsored by the legion in Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, Minnesota and Illinois, returning to national headquarters about Jan. 14.

BULLETS HASTEN THIEF'S RETREAT

GUNMAN WOUNDS GIRL AND KILLS POLICE OFFICE

Slayer Dies at Hospital as Result of Fatal Shots From Patrolman's Revolver.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A gunman shot a high school girl when she refused to speak to him, and killed a policeman in trying to escape here early today. The bad man died in the hospital from wounds inflicted by the policeman's companion, Patrolman S. R. Kennedy.

The victims: John Riese, one of three gunmen, died in county hospital.

Minnie Finkenstein, 17 years old, high school student, shot in the hip by Riese.

Miss Finkenstein was walking home from the Medill High School room at 1:30 a.m. with her brother Isadore and another couple.

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