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# THE DEDMON

Volume 131



## COLUMBIA WILL BE IN LEAGUE

**Professional Ball Again  
This Summer  
Tennessee-Alabama League  
with six clubs.**

Columbia will certainly have professional ball this summer, and will be in the Tennessee-Alabama League. This was decided Friday night, when local promoters of the sport, after a canvass of the city that day, telephoned to the president of the league, Mr. Van Valkenburgh, at Huntsville, that sufficient subscriptions toward a stock company had been made to justify them in asking for a franchise. President Van Valkenburgh stated he was glad of it, and that Columbia would be given a franchise.

The league will be a six-club organization and will continue under the name of the "Tennessee-Alabama League," the same as last summer, as the "Tri-State League" would be a misnomer, for the reason that the towns composing the league are all located in Tennessee and Alabama. It was at first thought to take in Rome, GA., which suggested the name of the "Tri-State League", but this idea has been abandoned. The league will be composed of the following towns: Columbia, Decatur, Huntsville, Anniston, Chattanooga and Knoxville. The season will open May 16. A schedule committee is already at work at Chattanooga on the schedule. A special from Chattanooga says that it has been decided that the city shall open on its own grounds, with Huntsville, on Saturday, May 14.

The leaders in the move to organize an association in Columbia are Dr. Robert Pillow, J.H. Carpenter and J.E. Dedman. Constituting themselves as a committee, they canvassed the town Friday and obtained \$900 in subscriptions toward a stock company.

The new league will be a great deal faster than last year's league, and next to the Cotton States and the Texas Leaguers, will be the fastest league in the South, excluding the Southern.

**Season Begins  
May 16, 1901**

When I found her she gave me 1/2 a hot dog and explained that 20.00 will not buy 2 hot dogs and 2 cokes. I made the observation, if you promised to buy concessions, they could afford to let you in the game, free. Of course we know that "ain't gonna happen".

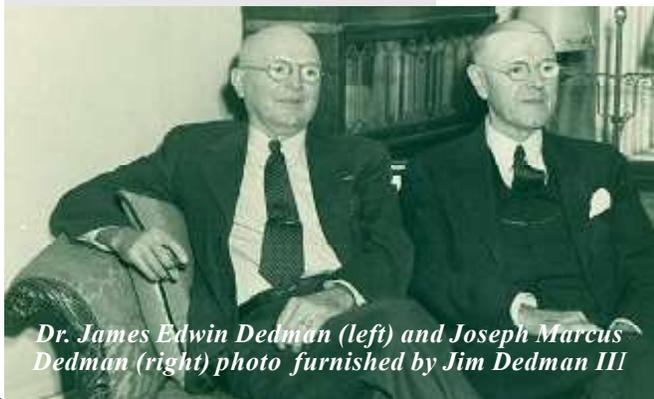
I suppose what brought that to mind was this message from Jim Dedman. "...Cousin Leroy, I enjoyed both issues, and I didn't see anything I would suggest be changed." **(He is one of my proofers and this was in reference to Volumes 126 and 127 that I had sent for proofing. then he continued.)** "You might be interested in the attached article on Dr. James Edwin Dedman helping organize a southern professional baseball league in 1904. At that time Dr. Dedman (B.A., University of Alabama; M.D., University of Tennessee Med school, Nashville) was practicing medicine in Columbia, TN, where his brother, Joseph Marcus Dedman operated the Bethel Hotel and later became Mayor. They are the two sons of Col. James Monroe Dedman, Commander of the Twentieth Alabama Infantry Regiment, C.S.A., and Mary Ann Scarff Dedman of Selma, AL. Col. Dedman later became Mayor of Selma, AL, and operated the St. James Hotel, which is still operating.

The attached clipping is from the Columbia (TN) Herald, then a weekly publication. Also attached is a photo of Dr. James Edwin Dedman (left) and Joseph Marcus Dedman. "Joe" Dedman was my gr-grandfather. Thanks for all your hard work. I'm sending these in case you need some filler later on".

---Jim Dedman III

To which I promptly thanked him and promised to use at a latter date, which, of course, I am doing. This is the kind of "stuff I need.

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Dr. James Edwin Dedman (left) and Joseph Marcus Dedman (right) photo furnished by Jim Dedman III

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*I had read where Columbia once had a professional baseball team named, The Columbia Mules, but was never sure what league they were in. So Jim's article sparked my interest and I found the following information:*



*"The Columbia Mules were a minor league baseball team that played in the Class D Alabama-Tennessee League in 1921. They were located in Columbia, Tennessee. The team's nickname came from Columbia being known as the "Mule Capital of the World" and holding "Mule Day" celebrations since 1840."*

*-From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

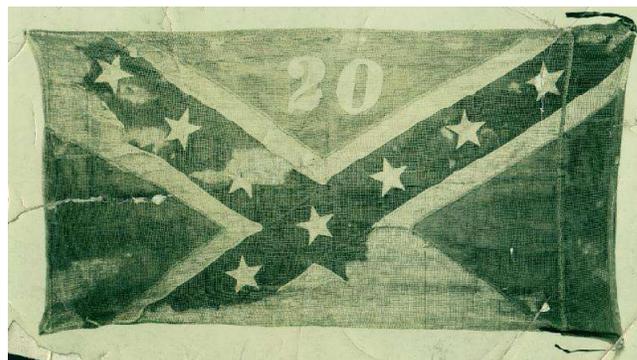
*I realize anyone can edit Wikipedia, therefore it is not always 100% accurate. However, the flip side is that no one to my knowledge has attempted to challenge this information. I am sure there are living folk, who would remember. -Leroy*

*"Mule Day" has been a popular Columbia tradition for nearly 170 years, since the 1840s. It began as "Breeder's Day", a single day livestock show and mule market event held on the first Monday in May. Over time, "Mule Day" evolved from a single day event into a multi-day festival, attracting thousands of attendees, lasting almost a week. According to its official website, the heavy involvement of Maury County in the mule industry caused the event to grow for a time into "one of the largest livestock markets in the world."*



*I lived in Middle Tennessee for 20 years and although I never attended "Mule Day", I certainly knew of it as I had several friends from Columbia. There is more information which is included in "The Down Memory Lane" article on page 3.*

*I found this interesting article that also refers to Joseph Marcus Dedman. Pertaining to the Alabama Civil War Period Flag Collection.*



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This flag was carried by the 20th Alabama Infantry, Pettus' Brigade, Stevenson's Division during 1864-1865. The date of issue is unknown, however, its use will postdate December 1863 when Joseph E. Johnston assumed command of the Army of Tennessee. Johnston had new battle flags of this pattern issued beginning in the early spring, 1864. Following the surrender of the regiment at Salisbury, North Carolina the flag bearer, J. H. Redding, hid the flag under his clothing and subsequently, gave it to his Colonel, J. M. Dedman. Dedman preserved the flag after the war and upon his death, ownership passed to his son, Joseph Marcus Dedman. On February 14, 1905, the Alabama Department of Archives and History borrowed the flag from Dedman who at that time resided in Columbia, Tennessee. On November 17, 1905, the flag was returned to him. On March 18, 1943, Dr. James Edward Dedman of Betterton, Maryland donated the flag to the Department. *Sources: Curator's Object Files, Civil War Flags, Alabama Department of Archives and History. Madaus, Howard Michael. The Battle Flags of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1976.*

*Jim added some information about the flag and "Mule Day" along with some other interesting information on the Dedman family on page 3. I had asked him about the copyright on the picture of the flag, so he sent me one he had. -Leroy*

Down  
Memory Lane

Send me your old stories or articles relating to the Dedmon Family. Come on folks!!! Dig into that old shoe box in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!



*Jim sent me the following in response to my asking him to proof the first two pages of this newsletter. As is always with the information he sends, it is very interesting and obvious he is "up to date" on that branch of the family. Thanks Jim....*



The Columbia Mules made a comeback in the late 1990s (I have a hat), but it soon went out of existence. In the 1950s Columbia had a semi-pro team called the "Monsanto Maulers" composed of Monsanto employees who probably were recruited because of semi-pro and pro experience in baseball. I went to a number of their games.



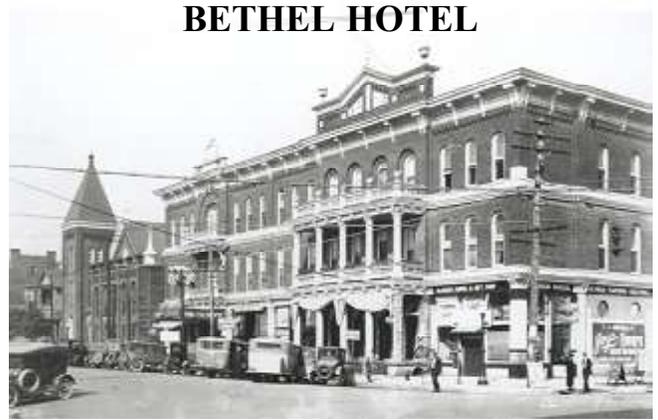
"Mule Day" was a big celebration for many years in Columbia, TN, as the first Monday in April was "Mule Day", the day people brought mules to town for sale or trade. The parade grew out of it. The parade stopped sometime in the 1960s, but the town of Columbia revived the tradition in the late 1900s, and now it is an event that sometimes hundreds of thousands attend with great coverage by Nashville news sources. I remember the Mule Day parades from the late 1940s and the 1950s which were big events. It is now a big event again. My wife and I went this year to watch the parade.

I am attaching a personal photo of the 20th Alabama Infantry Regiment flag so you don't have to use a copyrighted one. It is a personal copy made by my family in the 1940s when we donated the flag to the Alabama Archives. The flag last flew in battle at the Battle of Bentonville, NC, where C.S.A. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was defeated by Gen. Sherman. This occurred after Appomatox and Lincoln's assassination, and there were battlefield reports of stragglers from Lee's surrender in Virginia crossing the battlefield during the engagement.



See related Story on page 2

## BETHEL HOTEL



I am also attaching a photo of the Bethel Hotel from the 1920s when Joe Dedman was owner/manager. I remember the hotel and was present the night it burned in the late 1940s. The hotel business was in the family blood for several generations: William Howard Dedman operated an inn/sleep-over place on the Natchez Trace in western Maury County Tennessee, in the early 1840s. His son, Col. James M. Dedman operated the St. James Hotel in Selma, AL, after the Civil War, and legend has it that he played billiards at the hotel with Frank and Jesse James.



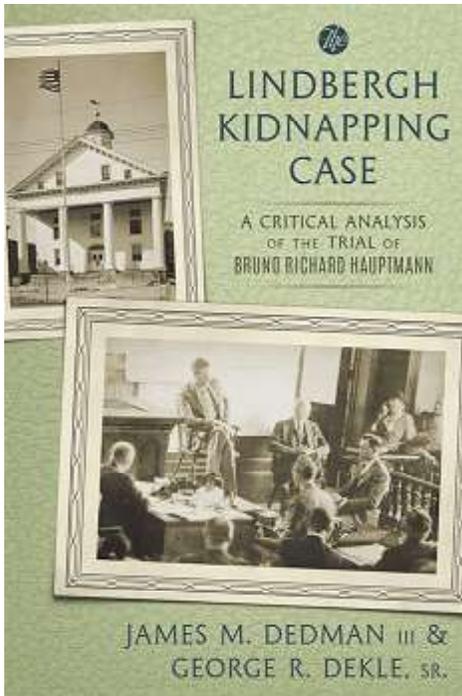
He also operated the Old Shelby Springs (AL) resort (see photo attached) until he died in the 1880s. His older son "Joe" Dedman operated a hotel at Red Boiling Springs, TN, and then also acquired the Bethel House in Columbia. He also managed a resort retreat at Bailey Springs, Lauderdale County, AL. I worked my way through law school at Vanderbilt by working the evening shift at the Holiday Inn-Vanderbilt. Family tradition, I suppose.

It is so interesting to learn about the Dedmans (all spellings) from your newsletter. -Jim Dedman III

*Thank you Jim, it is folks like yourself that makes this newsletter possible. -Leroy*

## The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case: A Critical Analysis of the Trial of...

by James M. Dedman, III and George R. Dekle, Sr.



Dedman, James M., III and George R. Dekle, Sr. *The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case: A Critical Analysis of the Trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann*. Clark, NJ: Talbot Publishing, September 2016. xvii, 394 pp. ISBN-13: 978-1-61619-533-5. ISBN-10: 978-1-61619-533-9. Hardcover. New. \$75. \* The kidnapping and murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. touched off one of the most massive manhunts in the history of American crime detection and generated so much publicity at home and abroad that it was touted as the "Crime of the Century." The arrest of Bruno Richard Hauptmann in connection with the kidnapping inevitably led to the "Trial of the Century." Although Hauptmann was almost universally detested at the time of the trial, the tide of public opinion began to change with his conviction. In the decades following Hauptmann's execution, writers have advanced one theory after another seeking to pin the blame upon various members of the Lindbergh household and others. Almost every aspect of the crime and the investigation has been examined and critiqued-with one exception. No one has written a critical analysis of the trial itself. This book seeks to remedy that omission with an investigation and evaluation of the marshalling, presentation, and arguing of the evidence, and a study of the post-conviction litigation. •This innovative book includes: -- a thorough

analysis of the evidence presented at trial by both the prosecution and defense -- a comprehensive critique of the performance of the lawyers -- a discussion of inculpatory scientific evidence available to, but not used by, the prosecution -- a section listing the major protagonists in the investigation and trial -- a timeline -- a modular analysis of the prosecution case -- a table of cases. After extensive experience in defending and prosecuting criminal cases, JAMES M. DEDMAN III taught theory-based trial advocacy for the National College of District Attorneys for twenty-eight years at the University of Houston Law Center and the University of South Carolina National Advocacy Center. GEORGE R. DEKLE, SR. was a legal skills professor at the Levin College of Law, University of Florida. Before that he served for thirty years as an assistant state attorney in the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida. Dekle has authored several books on trial advocacy and legal history.

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Jim Dedman has been teaching trial advocacy and other prosecution topics since 1982. He was an assistant district attorney general in Columbia, Tennessee, and Memphis, Tennessee, and joined the National College of District Attorneys (now a part of the National District Attorneys Association) in 1982. He is a graduate of Warren Wilson College, Middle Tennessee State University, and Vanderbilt University School of Law. He has taught prosecution training courses in almost every state. He developed the training courses for the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina, which focused on analytical advocacy, a concept developed at the Career Prosecutor Course in Houston, Texas, for the National College of District Attorneys. He also developed the NDAA Courtroom Technology courses. He has written many of the training materials used by NCDA and later NDAA as well as articles and chapters in prosecution publications. He has received the Lecturer of Merit award, the Distinguished Faculty award, the NDAA President's award, the Lifetime Education Achievement Award from the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, and an honorary gold record from the Recording Industry Association of America. He is licensed and admitted to federal practice in Tennessee. He is a Vietnam Veteran and served in the United States Army Special Services Entertainment Division. Jim says that the highlight of his military career was having dinner with Gypsy Rose Lee.



*More about Jim on page 5*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the National District Attorneys Association is the oldest and largest professional organization supporting prosecuting attorneys within the United States; and  
WHEREAS, as part of its core mission, the National District Attorneys Association provides education and training for the nation's prosecutors, law enforcement, and allied professionals; and seeks to maintain consistently high standards in curriculum development, educational standards, and training innovation; and  
WHEREAS, the board of directors of the National District Attorneys Association finds it to be appropriate to establish an award for exemplary career contributions to the prosecution profession; and  
WHEREAS, James M. Dedman III has dedicated the majority of his career to embodying the best characteristics of prosecuting attorneys through:

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WHEREAS, the board of the National District Attorneys Association finds that James M. Dedman III exemplifies all of the professional, scholarly, ethical, and personal qualities desirable in a prosecuting attorney and is the appropriate recipient of the first award for exemplary career contributions to the prosecution profession;  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the National District Attorneys Association hereby creates the

### **JAMES M DEDMAN III AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY CAREER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROSECUTION PROFESSION**

With said award only to be granted to those individuals who demonstrate a career-long commitment to the ethical, scholarly, professional, and personal qualities of an outstanding prosecutor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that JAMES M. DEDMAN III is hereby awarded the first such award.  
Adopted by the National District Attorneys Association, July 17, 2011 (Sun Valley, Idaho.)

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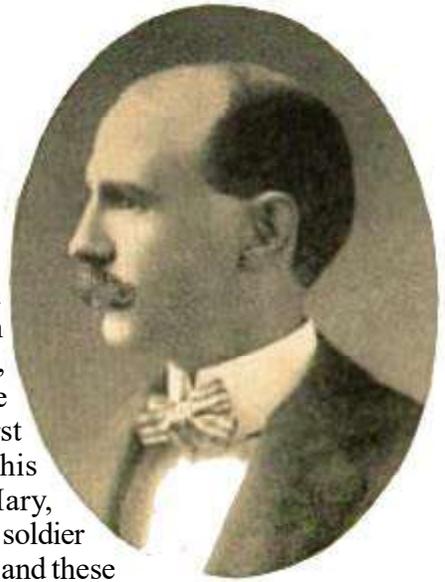
*Upon his retirement, Jim has been of valuable assistance to me in the publication of this newsletter, especially in the area of the DEDMAN branch of the family. He has unselfishly shared the results of his long hard work and offered suggestions and helped with the proofing. It is not difficult to see why the above award was created. We can look forward to more of his findings in future newsletters.*

## NOTABLE MEN OF ALABAMA

*The following information came from a free E-Book of the above title by Joel Campbell DuBoise, (pages 162-164)*

### JAMES EDWIN DEDMAN

The gentleman here mentioned is one of the rising young physicians of Birmingham, Ala., having already taken an advanced place in the ranks of his profession. He is chief surgeon to St. Vincent's hospital, where he finds a wide field for the experimental study of this most fascinating branch of medicine. Dr. Dedman comes of Virginia stock, his grandparents, William and Jane Dedman, having been residents of Mecklenburg county, Va., afterwards removing to Williamsport, Tenn. On the maternal side the line runs back to great-grandfather, John Coats, who was a member of the first legislature of Alabama, and later became State senator for his district, his residence having been at Greensboro. John Coats was the father of Mary, who married W. D. C. Scarff, also of prominent family in that early day and a soldier in the War of 1812. Of their family Mary Ann married James M. Dedman, and these became the parents of James E. Col. James Monroe Dedman lived at Selma, Ala., and was a man of wide acquaintanceship in the State. His title of colonel was earned in the Civil war, through which he served with great distinction with the Twentieth Alabama. He was especially commended for bravery at the battle of Chickamauga by President Jefferson Davis and just before Lee's surrender was advanced to a brigadier generalship.



As sheriff of Dallas county and mayor of Selma, he distinguished himself in civic life, and was a most popular and honored citizen. He died at Shelby Springs, AL, Feb. 6, 1888, where he had gone in search of health. Dr. James E. Dedman is a comparatively young man, having been born in Selma, Jan. 10, 1870. In early youth he attended school at the Dallas academy in Selma, and before he was yet fifteen was graduated with honors at the Selma high school. It is said of him that few boys surpassed him, and especially in the difficult branches of chemistry and mathematics. It is remembered by one of his old instructors in those days that he was the only one of a class to successfully pass an examination in trigonometry, and that with a grade of 100. The trend of the young student's mind seeming to be toward the abstract sciences, he was entered at the University of Alabama in the scientific course and was graduated from that institution three years later with degree of bachelor of arts, and with the highest honors in his class. It is worthy of note that Doctor Dedman took first honors in the sophomore, junior and senior years.

During his college life he was a popular member of the student body; was president of the Peithonian literary society, and president of the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta Greek letter fraternity. His subsequent career embraces a course in medicine at the University of Tennessee at Nashville, during which time he served a year as interne at the Nashville City hospital;

a post-graduate course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city; a period of practice at Nashville, during which he lectured on normal histology in the medical department and on anatomy in the dental department of the University; and a practice period of two and a half years at Indianapolis, this immediately preceding his locating in Birmingham in 1898. Doctor Dedman's student life while pursuing his chosen profession was equally as brilliant as when engaged in literary work. The first year at Nashville his essay on "Prescription Writing" won first prize, and on graduation he took the Paul F. Eve faculty medal for the highest average in all branches in a class of 110.

His residence in his native State has been marked from the beginning with evidences of the favor in which he is held and which, by his efficiency in his profession, he so richly deserves. He is prominent in three of the fraternal societies — state deputy grand president for the Fraternal Order of Eagles and worthy president and past worthy president of Birmingham aerie No. 268; in the Knights of the Maccabees he is past commander of Luckie tent No. 2; and past chancellor of Birmingham lodge, United Moderns. The Doctor's religious views are in accord with the tenets of the Baptist church. Mrs. Dedman was Miss Madge Whitney prior to her marriage, the daughter of George and Lorette Whitney, of Mt. Sterling, Ky. Their one child is named Madge Lorette. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery; Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL

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### Bertram Cottingham Dedman

Bertram Cottingham Dedman, son of Joseph Marcus Dedman of Columbia, TN. Bertram ("Bert") graduated from Columbia Military Academy and attended Vanderbilt University, ultimately getting a law degree from Cumberland Law School in Lebanon, TN. He was city attorney in Columbia when the US entered WWI, and he served as an auditor for the US War Department in France. He served a number of terms as Chief

Clerk of the Tennessee House of Representatives. He was born March 9, 1890 and died September 8, 1937. He is buried in Rosehill Cemetery in Columbia, TN. He married Mary Ella Fariss, and they had one child, Bertram Cottingham Dedman, Jr. (See Vol. 34) Shown here is Bertram, Sr. as a young child.



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## BERTRAM C. DEDMAN ON TROUBLED FRENCH LINER

STOPPED AT HALIFAX FOR SUPPLIES AND EXPECTS TO BE HOME BY SUNDAY.

(Tuesday's Daily Herald.)

Bertram C. Dedman, city attorney of Columbia on a leave of absence to serve his country in the auditing department of the army in Paris, was on board the French liner Rochambeau which was forced to stop Monday at Halifax unscheduled to replenish her supply of food and fuel before proceeding to New York. Telegrams from Mr. Dedman today stated that he expected to reach New York Thursday and to be in Columbia Saturday or Sunday.

An Associated-Press dispatch this morning stated that rough weather and strong head winds had delayed the vessel until her supplies had been almost exhausted and machinery trouble developed. The vessel with the aid of American mechanics aboard succeeded in continuing the voyage from mid-ocean but could not make it to New York without a stop.

The liner carried 833 returning American soldiers, principally members of the 339 field artillery, and 600 civilians, including Red Cross workers, Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army workers.

An unusual feature of the voyage was the birth of a daughter to Lieut. and Mrs. T. M. Wilkinson, of Whiteville, Tenn.

*The column to the right is a news article about Bertram coming home from the war and to the left is an article he wrote.*

## EMOTIONAL FRENCH KISS SOLDIERS AT PEACE CELEBRATION

PARIS WAS WILD WITH JOY FOR TWO DAYS AFTER SIGNING ARMISTICE.

### LETTER FROM BERT DEDMAN

Describes Scenes in French Capital and Says There Has Never Been Anything Like it in History—Coming Home When Peace Made.

There has never been another celebration in history that would begin to compare with the demonstration in Paris when the news of the armistice was received in the French capital, according to a letter from Bertram C. Dedman, former city attorney now with the auditing department of the American Expeditionary Forces, who is stationed in Paris. The people went wild with joy and their pent up emotions were let loose for hours. They danced in the streets, kissed each other and imbibed wine until they were absolutely exhausted.

Mr. Dedman's letter was written on November 12, the day after the signing of the armistice was announced. "The people simply thronged the streets all day yesterday and last night," he said, "and they are still parading tonight."

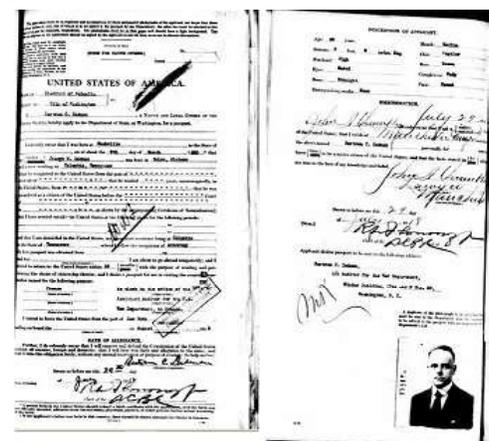
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"It would be impossible to describe it, but it is sufficient to say that there never has been another celebration in history that could begin to compare with it. I have never seen as much kissing in my life as I saw yesterday. Everybody that cared to grabbed a girl and there didn't seem to be any objection to it at all. The soldiers especially were showered with kisses. The cafes and bars certainly did a rushing business, and believe me there were many who had as much under their belts as they could conveniently carry."

Mr. Dedman stated that he himself was not feeling well and was back at his hotel by 10 o'clock. He said that he does not expect to come home before the peace terms are signed, which may be two months hence, but that as soon as those documents are signed he is going to "beat it for Columbia."

Referring to another American associated with him in the work in Paris, Mr. Dedman said: "Chumbley told me this morning that he had some time last night. It seems that he got in with an American general and colonel and they proceeded to take in all the shows. He says that he guesses he kissed as many as 200 girls yesterday and I don't doubt it as I saw him kiss about 50 in about an hour's time."

Paris is a big city and the Columbia boys over there are far from home, but they get to see each other occasionally. Mr. Dedman stated that he had received a letter from William Fry telling him that Girard Brownlow was in a hospital at Paris suffering from wounds. He said that he was going to see Brownlow in a few days.



Bertram's WWI passport

## TWO GENERATIONS OF DEDMANS



This is two photos I have combined. On the right (from left to right) are James Monroe Dedman, Gladys Bill Dedman, and Bertram Cottingham Dedman, the children of Joseph Marcus Dedman and Elizabeth "Mom Bessie" Bill Dedman. In the photo at left are the children of the people on the right. They are (left to right) James Monroe Dedman, Jr., Josephine Dedman Moore, and Bertram Cottingham Dedman, Jr.

**I read about eight newspapers in a day. When I'm in a town with only one newspaper, I read it eight times. -Will Rogers**

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 WILL ROGERS.

Regarding the earlier information on Bertram Cottingham Dedman being the Chief Clerk of the Tennessee House of Representatives, attached is a telegram from Will Rogers saying he would not be able to accept an invitation to visit Tennessee (which included an appearance at Mule Day in Columbia). Like all us Dedman/Dedmon/Deadmans/etc. have experienced, Rogers misspelled our last name.

-Jim Dedman

That is a fact Jim, and it seems I am finding ways to spell it that I never knew until I began the family research project. -Leroy

### SPECIAL NOTE TO LEROY:

I have been searching the Library of Congress section Chronicling America which is a collection of digitized newspapers from around the country. The collections go up until about 1924 when copyright protection would still exist. I was able to create a news clipping scrapbook of my family from the late 1800s to 1924 that runs about 400 pages of cut-and-paste clippings from the collection. I learned a great deal about the family, and I would recommend all your readers visit the site. The collection is searchable, and with a little imagination, the searches can be narrowed for more specific information.

-Jim

Although Jim sent the note to me, I felt it was worth sharing as he certainly gave me new ideas. Again I want to give Jim a special Thank You for providing the information for this issue of the newsletter. -Leroy