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## CAPITAL SHOCKED BY KING'S DEATH

President Sends Message of 'Heartfelt Sympathy' to Queen Elizabeth

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Roosevelt and official Washington were deeply shocked and grieved today at the death of King Albert of Belgium.

Many recalled the ruler's visit to the capital in 1919 when he was accorded a hero's welcome.

President Roosevelt sent a message of "heartfelt sympathy" to Queen Elizabeth.

"I am shocked beyond expression," he said, "to learn of the untimely death of his majesty, the king. The government and people of the United States condole with our majesty in the loss of a ruler so universally beloved."

Soon after the world war closed the Belgian king and queen and their son, the Duke of Brabant, who inherits the throne, spent four days in Washington, and impressed all with their cordiality and friendly spirit of democracy. Congress and universities honored the king. Just as the most humble visitor to the capital, he spent considerable time sightseeing.

President Wilson, ill, was unable to see much of the royal guests, although they were at the White House informally on several occasions.

King Albert received a rousing welcome when he addressed both the Senate and House to voice the appreciation of Belgium for the assistance of the United States in the world war.

He was decorated by General John J. Pershing and was given honorary law degrees by George Washington and Catholic universities.

### DR. POTEAT DECLINES TO SERVE

Dr. W. L. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, who sometime ago was appointed by the Governor associate state utilities commissioner has declined to serve, finding that he is unable to qualify for the place under the limitations of the law. Some days ago Dr. Poteat refused to take the oath saying that he owned stock in utilities companies and therefore considered himself ineligible to serve under the law. It was thought he would dispose of this stock but evidently he hasn't done so and therefore keeps away from temptation.

### MOSQUITO ERADICATION IN ROCKY MOUNT

The C. W. A., under the supervision of Mr. Grover Booker is doing excellent work toward the control of mosquitoes in Nash county. At present they are working in the seventh ward, and hope to have this work completed and to begin in the sixth ward this week. Approximately forty men are being employed at present.

As soon as enough men are available, work is to be started on the river. This work will consist of cleaning out the debris from the river bed, and opening of all ditches and drains leading into it.

### MRS. L. A. GORDON PASSES AWAY

The city lost one of its oldest residents last Sunday in the death of Mrs. Louise A. Gordon at her home at 208 Marigold street. Mrs. Gordon was 79 years of age, and a faithful member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

She was the wife of the late Dr. S. Gordon and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Thomas, one son, E. G. Gordon, both of this city; one brother, two sisters, and several grandchildren also survive.

### CANAL TRAFFIC GROWS

Balboa, C. X. — Panama Canal traffic is showing a surprising increase. Two successive days in early February broke transit records of six years' standing. Fifty-five ships were handled.

## Hoover Praises King As Friend

One of Outstanding Figures of War, Former President Says In Statement

One who knew King Albert of the Belgians as friend and aide when war and strife surged through his land, Herbert C. Hoover paid him veneration.

"He will be remembered as one of the outstanding figures of the war by virtue not only of his military courage and ability, but also for his great moral courage," Hoover said.

The once obscure mining engineer who understood the task of feeding six million starving subjects of King Albert; later when the United States entered the world crisis assumed the control of American foodstuffs and finally was honored with the presidency, recalled the king as "a man of great simplicity and nobility of courage."

### SET OF JAIL KEYS IS FOUND AT HOME

"Loot" Also Recovered at Residence of Alleged Alleghany Gang Leader

Winston-Salem, Feb. 17.—Officers searching the home of Ransom Brooks, alleged ringleader of a band of outlaws preying on Alleghany and surrounding counties, found a complete set of keys for the Alleghany county jail, according to reports brought by the officers here.

Other items found in the house included watches, auto parts and tools, auto tires, jewelry, a cash register, and a typewriter. Officers declare this is loot taken in the raids of the "Bullhead gang."

Capt. Charles Farmer, chief of the state highway patrol; L. P. Harris, director of the state auto theft department; Lieutenant Croom, of Greensboro; several officers of the department of justice, and a number of highway patrolmen are investigating the activities of the gang which is reported to have operated an auto theft ring and highway racket throughout the Blue Ridge country.

### CAPTAIN BOB MELTON'S BARBECUE

Probably the best known business in the City of Rocky Mount, with the widest reputation throughout this state and other states, is Melton's Barbecue Business, which is conducted at Melton Springs, formerly known as Shore Springs down by the River Tar. His fame for cooking and making barbecue has travelled abroad, and he has the reputation for making the best barbecue throughout the country.

One only needs to make a visit to his place during the noon hour and it is not unusual to find people taking dinner with him from several states. On Saturday three cars, composing a party of members of the faculty and students of Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va., visited his place. The writer, wondering how this party from Richmond found Melton Springs, asked them how they came to know about Melton Springs, and one of the party stated he had a friend that had told him sometime back, if he ever passed anywhere near Rocky Mount, N. C., to be sure and visit Melton Springs and have dinner with Captain Bob Melton.

Orders are received throughout the country for Melton's barbecue. It is regularly served in the dining rooms of the National Capitol. Orders for large quantities of it is received each week.

The raw products in this business are practically entirely home grown and the large receipts which come daily into this business mean much to our section, as Edgecombe and Nash County products compose the daily menus.

## Women Patriots Give Flag to Roosevelt



Women from all parts of the country, leaders in patriotic societies, presented President Roosevelt with an American flag on behalf of the National Woman's Relief corps, auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## A Few More Comparisons

The great issue before the people is whether the combined wisdom of the legislature, which is composed of 170 members, fifty senators and one hundred twenty representatives, runs a more economical government than an executive or appointive government.

The Herald last week carried comparisons. Eleven of the most important positions which were set up by the Constitution and the legislature average salary was \$4,954.54. The eleven most important positions set up by Governor Gardner average salary was \$6,898.63. The appointive salaries of the governor's being \$1,944.09 greater each than each salary set up by the Constitution and legislature.

The following are comparisons: The legislature wrote a new school bill making an appropriation of sixteen million dollars and provided that the Executive Secretary of the State Board of Equalization, who distributes and apportions this money to the twenty-three thousand school teachers in North Carolina and the many thousand school buildings, should receive \$300.00 per month and this Secretary is generally recognized as

having more general information on this subject than probably any other man in the state, save the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. A. T. Allen. The legislature thought this \$300.00 a month would be a fair salary, or at least that is what they wrote in the bill. According to a statement carried in the Herald on February 9th, the governor created three new positions in the Revenue Department, and appointed three men without any former experience in these jobs, as follows:

- Dr. N. C. S. Nobles, Assistant, Salary, \$5,000.00.
- Mr. George Scott, Accountant, Salary, \$5,000.00.
- Mr. Harry McMullan, Attorney, Salary, \$4,500.00.

Now, it is up to the people to decide whether they want legislative government or appointive government.

The above shows which is the cheapest. No one that is the least informed would say that the three positions of Mr. Scott, Dr. Nobles, and Mr. McMullan, the duties of which anywhere nearly approaches the importance and duties of the Executive Secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

### Burial Service For Dr. Wm. Edwards Held Thursday P.M.

Hosts of Friends and Relatives Attend Last Rites

Spring Hope.—Dr. William E. Edwards, a widely known and loved physician, who died at his home here last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, was buried in the Pineview Cemetery Thursday at 3 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of the deceased by Dr. W. R. Cullom, pastor of the Spring Hope Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. M. F. Hodges of the Methodist Church. Music was furnished by the choirs of these two churches. Interment was made in the Pineview Cemetery. Active pallbearers were: Messrs. Bud Sykes, Willie Wheelless, F. G. Chamblee, N. B. Finch, and B. C. Delbridge.

Scores of friends and relatives from all over this state were present for the final rites and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

The deceased is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Sally Hargrove of Edgecombe County, and two children, Mrs. Walter Hargrove of Tarboro and O. G. Edwards of Spring Hope, and one sister, Mrs. Sue May of Franklin County.

The deceased was 70 years of age and had been in failing health for several years, having suffered from paralysis. He had practiced medicine for forty years and exposed (Please turn to page three)

### Reynolds Announces Deputy Marshals

Picks Three Greensboro People for Federal Posts in Middle District

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Reynolds today recommended for appointment as deputy marshals for the middle district:

- 1—Jim Rivers, editor, of Boone, as chief deputy marshal.
- 2—Mrs. John W. Simpson, Jr., niece of Pierce C. Rucker, of Greensboro, as office deputy, who will serve as stenographer and secretary. Mrs. Simpson is a native of Greensboro, where she has lived all of her life.
- 3—Lawrence Huffman, of route 1, Burlington, Alamance county, as a field deputy.
- 4—Charles L. Vanstony, Greensboro, as field deputy.
- 5—John H. Stephenson, Southern Pines, as a field deputy. Mr. Stephenson is an ex-soldier and active in legion circles.

Senator Reynolds also stated that he would recommend to William T. Dowd the next United States marshal, the name of Dr. Fred Patterson, of Greensboro, as physician for the federal prisoners in Guilford county.

The senator stated that in filling the United States marshal's place for the middle district, and by naming the five deputies, this completes all of the patronage that he will have in North Carolina. He said that for the five deputy marshals placed, he had over 100 applications, all of whom were men of good character, and high standard (Please turn to page three)

### Winston Teachers Want Jobs For Vacation Days

14 Members of Faculty Call on Aldermen to Assist Them in Getting Work.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 17.—Fourteen male members of the Winston-Salem public school faculty last night requested the board of aldermen to assist them in obtaining employment during the vacation months.

In a petition, the teachers pointed out that they have been unable to save enough from their depleted salaries for eight months to carry their families through the summer. They said:

"Looking ahead of us, we see idleness, unemployment, payless vacations, and in some cases the loss of home; in all cases, the loss of the comforts and security we thought were ours when we made the choice of the profession—with small but certain pay."

Mayor Coan told the petitioners that the board would give the matter serious attention and render any assistance possible.

### DEATH OF MR. CALVERT

Mr. S. S. Pope and family left Tuesday for Winchester, Va., having received a telegram from there announcing the sudden death of Mr. E. D. Calvert, who is the father of Mrs. Pope.

Mr. Calvert was originally from the state of Maryland and was a member of the prominent Calvert family of Baltimore.

## LOCAL AND STATE POLICE TRAP PAIR IN SUBURB HOME

### Two Jailed On Liquor Charge

S. A. Lowery of Raleigh, D. B. Cranfill of Monroe, in Rocky Mt. Lockup

Nashville, Feb. 16.—S. A. Lowery of Raleigh, is being held in jail here and D. B. Cranfill of Monroe, is in a hospital in Rocky Mount suffering from a bullet wound as a result of an unsuccessful attempt to make an escape after transferring liquor to their own car from that of a friend in the yard of the Carolina hotel here early this morning.

The other man, whose name has not been disclosed, came into Nashville around 12 o'clock and because his car had broken down, was pushed to the Carolina hotel by a local citizen. There he put in two telephone calls to Raleigh, the first at 12:10 and the second at 1:30. However, he did not register, but continued to stay up. At 2 o'clock, Lowery and Cranfill arrived in Nashville and after making inquiries of Chief of Police Walter Cook drove into the yard of the hotel. Cook became suspicious and upon making investigation found that they were transferring whiskey from the Chevrolet to their Chrysler with the help of the third party. Just as Cook came up, Cranfill took the wheel and drove off with the other two men on the running boards. Cranfill had thrown a brick and was reaching into his pocket when Cook fired two shots. The car headed toward Rocky Mount. Immediate communication was made with the Rocky Mount police, who stopped the car as it was passing over Tar River bridge. Lowery and Cranfill were both in the automobile, but the first party made his escape. Cranfill was severely wounded, a bullet having gone through his pocketbook and out the other side of his hip. Both he and Lowery refuse to divulge any information to the authorities.

Thirty-five gallons of liquor were found in the car left here in addition to the amount carried away.

Make No Admissions Taken to police headquarters, the prisoners were subjected to rapid-fire questioning but admitted nothing. The girls, one of whom has with her an 18-month-old baby girl, refused to reveal their names or residences.

Records at the gas office showed the gangsters and their woman had been living in the Englewood bungalow since December 8. The gas, light and electric meters were connected under the name of T. M. Archer, which officials said was a fictitious one.

In a garage back of the house officers found two automobiles, both thought to have been stolen, three jars of wires and dynamite caps, three cases of wires and caps, four acetylene tanks, two blow torches and hoses and other equipment commonly employed by safe blowers, including a bottle of nitro-glycerine.

Inside the house officers took two automatic shotguns, an automatic pistol, two revolvers, several hundred dollars worth of clothing and furniture which police said were stolen, \$101.02 in cash and 20 cartons of cigarettes.

Raid at Daybreak Led by Officer Bruce Poole of the Raleigh plainclothes force, a dozen officers surrounded the dwelling at daybreak. Doubtful as to whether they were concentrating on the right house, several of the officers entered the garage and found the safe blowing equipment, they were certain they had hit the correct trail. An office was stationed at each door and window and others went inside. The sleeping occupants were awakened and taken without offering resistance.

### BREAKS MAIL RECORDS

Berlin.—On its first return flight, the recently established trans-Atlantic air line set a new record by delivering mail from Natal, Brazil, to Berlin, 5,700 miles, in three days, eight hours and forty minutes.

The low temperatures of recent weeks has killed oats and seriously injured the barley and wheat crops of Burke County.

### "Tick" Proctor, Alleged Bank Robber, Taken With Three Women Here

### NITRO-GLYCERINE AND DYNAMITE CAPS FOUND

Second Man, Eugene Gunter, Found Ill in Bed—Three Women Refuse to Divulge Identities—Third Member Arrested in Petersburg.

Rocky Mount, Feb. 19.—Worth "Tick" Proctor, foxy desperado and safe blower, was in the hands of the law here today after an early morning raid on an Englewood bungalow by federal, county, state and city officers.

Proctor, who had been sought for months by officers of many North Carolina cities, was taken by surprise as he slept. He gave up without a struggle.

Eugene Gunter, alleged member of Proctor's gang, and three good looking girls, also were taken in the raid. Officers found two automobiles, both of which were allegedly stolen, and a quantity of firearms and equipment thought to have been used in safe blowings throughout the state.

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The officers in the raid were Bruce Poole, Bud Williamson, George Peebles and Joe Lowe, of the Raleigh police department; L. T. Jordan, department of justice agent; Sheriff C. L. Johnson, of Nash county; J. I. Nichols, local policeman; Lester Jones and Archie Rodman, state highway patrolmen; Sheriff S. A. Whitehurst (Please turn to page four)

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