

Sees South Of New Orleans Means Tomorrow To Be Opened To Floods

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April 28.—(AP)—Just as the flood with all of its ferocity when the Ger-

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of sections in southeast southern Mississippi and Louisiana engulfed by the continued while renewed

000,000 Advertising In 1926 is Revealed. April 25.—Salisbury to by elections. It was a pri-

McDonald, Ends Visit. April 26.—At one of the public functions he has at-

HADDON GRAY SAYS HE AGREED TO AID FRIEND WITH PLAN

Testifies That He Sought to Help Henry Judd Gray Establish Alibi But Did Not Know of Murder.

HE SUSPECTED MILD FLIRTIATIONS Remained in Defendant's Room So Any One Who Called Would Think Defendant Was There.

New York, April 28.—(AP)—Haddon Gray, Syracuse real estate man, took the stand today in the trial of Henry Judd Gray and Mrs. Ruth Snyder charged with killing Al-

He said, "I went to the defendant Gray's room, mailed some letters he had left there, phoned the desk not to disturb me, and hung the don't disturb sign on the knob of the room door.

State Rests. New York, April 28.—(AP)—The state rested its case in the Snyder murder trial at 12:25 p. m. today.

Tar Heel Cindersmen Ready to Meet State

Chapel Hill, April 28.—The Tar Heel track squad will leave here early Friday by bus for Raleigh to meet the State College harriers in

THE STOCK MARKET

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Atchison, American Tobacco B, American Smelting, etc.

Flood Fund

The local chapter of the Red Cross is collecting a fund to be forwarded to be used in the aid of the flood victims in the Mississippi Valley and anyone desiring to contribute to the fund may send it to L. D. Coltrane, Sr., at the Concord National Bank.

- Concord Contributions. Previously acknowledged \$798.78. Wm. G. Brown 5.00. Dr. T. M. Rowlett 5.00. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Peck 5.00.

Kannapolis Contributions.

- F. J. Powell 1.00. John H. Suther 1.00. L. T. Lanier 1.00. C. B. Griffin 1.00.

Mt. Pleasant Contributions.

- Previously acknowledged \$93.10. By cash 9.50. Total Mt. Pleasant \$102.60. Grand total \$127.36.

LEXINGTON YOUNG MAN FOUND SHOT TO DEATH

Otis Kepley Evidently Committed Suicide or Was Killed by Accidental Shot. Lexington, April 27.—Otis Kepley, 21, was found dying with a bullet wound in his left breast when his father went to search for him at dawn

WHITENER COMES OUT FOR COMMITTEE PLACE

Promises Active Campaign. Catawba Organization Backs Him Unanimously. Hickory, April 27.—Backed by the unanimous indorsement of the Catawba county Republican executive committee, and with the full support of the state executive committee, from the night congressional district prom-

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Steel King



George F. Baker was revealed as the largest shareholder in the United States Steel Corp., now the largest industrial organization in the world. Baker, little heard of, is one of the richest men in the world.

NEW YORK EDITOR TO ADDRESS BAR MEMBERS

Claude S. Bowers to Be Heard at Meeting of Lawyers at Pinehurst. Raleigh, April 28.—The address to be made by Claude S. Bowers, chief editorial writer of the New York Evening World, is expected by many to be the outstanding event of interest in connection with the 29th annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association at Pinehurst, May 5 to 7, although there are a number of other individuals of equal note, on the program, including former Governor C. S. Whitman of New York, who is president of the American Bar Association, who will make the principal address at the Friday night session.

However, it is with unusual and peculiar interest that the members of the North Carolina Bar are looking forward to the message from Bowers on Thursday night, having published "Thomas Jefferson and the Courts," Bowers is another native of Indiana who has achieved fame along with George Ade, Ray Long and others from the Hoosier state and who have since migrated to New York. Although known primarily as a newspaper man, being head editorial writer for the New York World, Bowers has in the last few years achieved almost equal note as a writer of history, and is recognized as an authority on the Jeffersonian period, having published a book dealing with this period. Bowers is now engaged in gathering data for a forthcoming book dealing with the reconstruction period in the South, and is especially interested at this time in making this visit to North Carolina.

Bowers expects to arrive in Raleigh on the morning of Thursday, May 5, where he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daniels. He will spend the day in Raleigh, and late in the afternoon will drive down to Pinehurst with his hosts, for his address there that evening. Friday he expects to come back to Raleigh by way of Chapel Hill, where he wishes to stop to see a number of his friends.

It is possible that he also may stop to take a look at Duke University. All of the sessions of the association will be held in the Carolina hotel at Pinehurst. There will be no session in the afternoon, so that those who attend will have three hours free for golf, horseback riding, motoring, or any other of the many outdoor sports provided at Pinehurst. Special entertainment features are also being provided for the ladies who attend.

DAVIDSON MEN HONORED.

Davidson, N. C., April 28.—C. C. Trabue, of Nashville, Tenn., and W. B. Bradford, of Charlotte, students of Davidson College, have been signally honored by the War Department, when announcement was received here today that they were among 50 men selected in the entire United States to attend a six weeks' training camp in chemical warfare at Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Md. Over 350 institutions in this country have military units, the men being chosen by virtue of their proficiency in the chemistry departments of their respective schools. All of the Davidson men who attend camp in the summer are required to spend the time at Camp McClellan, Annapolis, A. S., unless otherwise designated.

Flyers Reach Wilmington.

Wilmington, April 28.—(AP)—The United States Army Pan-American good will flyers arrived here at 12:35 this afternoon from Savannah, Ga.

Little Red and White School Houses Disappearing in State

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, April 28.—The passing of the little red and white school houses and the coming of the great brick and stone consolidated schools in the state is told succinctly and statistically and without the romance which should accompany such a story in the latest issue of School Facts, published by the State department of public instruction, released today.

Today there are 6,795 school buildings—not school houses—in North Carolina, with a total value of \$84,541,828, while in 1915 there were 8,049 school houses, with a total value of \$10,434,117. Thus in twelve years the number of school houses has decreased by 1,254 while the value of the school property has increased almost eight times. Going back to 1905-06, when the total value of school property was but \$3,182,918, the value of the property in 1925-26, the last year for which accurate figures are available, is more than twenty times as great. The most rapid increase in the value of school property has taken place in the last few years, with the increase in the number of consolidated schools. Between 1925 and 1926, the total value of school property increased \$13,835,993, or from \$70,705,836 to \$84,541,828.

Along with the change in the value of school property it is also interesting to note the change in the number of school houses from year to year. At the close of the 1926 school year there were 6,975 school houses. Two years previous, in 1923-24, there were 7,360 school houses, and in 1904-05 there were 7,376, or approximately the same number. The peak in the number of school houses was reached in 1914-15, when there were 8,049. Thus the total number of school houses for both white and colored children increased gradually from 1905 till 1919, and since that time the number has been steadily less at the end of each succeeding school year.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 6 to 10 Points, July Selling Up to 15.35. New York, April 28.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 6 to 10 points in response to continued firmness of Liverpool and nervousness over the central belt situation. July sold up to 15.35 and December to 15.80 at the start, or about 10 to 11 points higher, but the advance met renewal of realizing while there also seemed to be some southern and local selling on the favorable weather reports.

Prices eased off a few points in consequence, but the market was fairly steady at the end of the first hour, active months showing net gains of 5 or 6 points. Private cables said the advance in Liverpool was due to trade calling, covering and speculative buying. They also reported freer buying of cotton cloths by Calcutta. Part of the early buying here was attributed to the trade, and there was a fair volume of business during the first hour.

Less Active Today.

New York, April 28.—(AP)—The cotton market was less active today. An early advance on Liverpool and continued nervousness over the flood situation was followed by reactions under realizing and selling on a favorable weather map. After easing off from 15.35 to 15.18 for the mid-afternoon market steadied on covering and held within a point or two of yesterday's final figures.

THE STOCK MARKET

Prices Underwent Another Sharp Downward Readjustment Under Heavy Selling. New York, April 28.—(AP)—Stock prices underwent another sharp downward readjustment today under heavy selling for both accounts. The selling centered largely in the stocks and industrials with relatively firm Liverpool cables and continued nervousness over the flood situation were followed by reactions under realizing and selling on a favorable weather map. After easing off from 15.35 to 15.18 for the mid-afternoon market steadied on covering and held within a point or two of yesterday's final figures.

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CHINESE EXECUTED FOR RAIDS ON THE SOVIET COMPOUNDS

Chao, Well Known Communist, Was One of Eighteen Put to Death as Result of Raids.

FORMAL HEARING WAS NOT GIVEN

Police Decided Evidence Showed Guilt of Men. So the Eighteen Were Strangled to Death.

Peking, April 28.—(AP)—Li Ta-Chao, well known communist, and 17 other Chinese arrested recently during the Chinese police raid on premises within the soviet embassy compound here, were executed this afternoon. They were strangled at police headquarters. It was expected that the prisoners would be tried in a special court being formed to hear the evidence against those arrested in the raid, which the northern authorities whose headquarters are at Peking have claimed resulted in the discovery of documents showing that soviet Russia was actively supporting the Cantonese against the northern authorities.

CLAUDE VESTAL PUT UNDER BOND OF \$200

Greensboro Man Charged With Twice Driving Roadster Into Ford Car at Statesville. Statesville, April 27.—Claude Vestal, of Greensboro, representing an auditing company, was released from jail tonight under bond of \$200 for his appearance in mayor's court. He was arrested late this afternoon after his Marmion roadster into a Ford car occupied by Mayor L. A. Brown, of Troutman.

Mayor Brown, it was said, had stopped his car on a red light signal at a street intersection when Vestal's car struck the Ford. The Troutman man remonstrated with Vestal about bumping into the rear of his flivver, whereupon, it is charged, the Greensboro man backed up and struck the lighter car again with force. A crowd gathered and Chief of Police Tom Kerr appeared on the scene. Vestal sped forward, narrowly missing the Statesville chief. It is alleged, he drove his car around a block, parking on another street, and was arrested in a few minutes and taken to jail.

BOY WHO STOLE KEYS IS IN JAIL

Vergil Ruffy, 14, Now Facing Charge of First Degree Burglary. Newton, April 27.—Vergil Ruffy, the 14 year old boy who early Monday morning entered Deputy Curlee's bedroom and stole his jail keys, after tearing a hole in the ceiling of the hole and swinging down from a fire hole in the back of the hall by means of a blanket, was caught at Stony Point Monday night and has been returned to the Newton jail. It will be recalled that young Ruffy went back to the jail rooms after securing the keys and unlocked two cell doors which enabled two other prisoners to make their escape.

CAPIAS IS ISSUED FOR CHARLOTTE MAGISTRATE

S. A. Mangum Failed to Appear for Trial and Capias for Arrest Was Issued. Charlotte, April 28.—(AP)—A capias for the arrest of Magistrate S. A. Mangum was issued in recorder's court here today when the magistrate failed to appear for trial on charges of failing to settle with the county for fines and forfeitures and fees collected while he acted as judge of the rural police court here.

CARTER GLASS WRITES ABOUT GOVERNOR 'AL'

Says South Would Support Smith If He Were Known as 'Dry' Candidate. New York, April 28.—(AP)—Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, in the current issue of Review of Reviews gives his views of Governor Smith as a presidential possibility. He writes: "Should Governor Smith in a square standup contest get the Democratic nomination for the presidency under a sound and sane declaration of fundamental democratic doctrines and policies—one of which is not the avowed right to sell or buy or transport intoxicating liquors—he should not, and I venture to think, he would not be made a sacrifice to religious bigotry in Virginia or the South, or the country."

Boothe Refuses to Give Up In His Fight With Death

Roanoke, Va., April 28.—(AP)—Attending physicians today regarded Walter Boothe as a medical enigma, as he entered the second week of living by air being pumped into his lungs by artificial means. Death, attending physicians declared, had a strangle hold on the 18 year old Botetourt County farmer, but he refuses to give up the battle his lungs might be restored to normal functions. he was undergoing an operation for a fractured vertebra. The doctors said this morning that his condition remained unchanged from yesterday. They thought he might continue his brave fight for many hours more, but gave him only the millionth chance for recovery. Everything depends on some miracle of nature or science, they stated, whereby his lungs might be restored to normal functions.

WEATHER. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday rising temperature Friday.