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CANNON Suspects Rumored Arrested In City

States Atty. Says: "No Further Developments"

UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

It's still Up and Down The Avenue with the Editor—only this week it's Pennsylvania instead of Roanoke.

Ate lunch in the Senate dining room last week and in the House restaurant today. Food's about the same in both. But the House eating place is getting all the business. Reason: They are serving the new beer in the one, only near-beer in the other. For some reason the House restaurant got the jump on their competitors.

Anyway, for the first time in recent history, the House 'beanery' is showing a profit. Send the orchids where you choose.

Last week the newspapers reported Senator Bob Reynolds had 100 jobs to fill and 12,000 applications. The jobs remain the same, but you can add 536 to the 12 grand figure. It takes a special postman to bring in his morning mail.

We talked to Senator Trommell of Florida, for a few minutes yesterday. The Senator was a former newspaperman and told us some of his boyhood experiences as a newshawk. He quit the game because the 'dough' was slack—entered law (wise guy) then politics (oh, Solomon) and now he's in Washington. Like a lot of former newsmen, he's a good scout.

Taxi fares, like Eddie Cantor's love theme, are cheaper in Washington; anywhere in the city proper for 20 cents; which means two bits—as nobody can look one of these taxi drivers in the eye and ask for that nickel change.

Roanoke Rapids still rates first as the first to get a loan on liquidating projects from the R. F. C. Many thanks are due Jack Young, Hugh Camp, Jim Taylor, Julian Allsbrook and William Manning for this clever piece of salesmanship and workmanship which put Roanoke Rapids at the head of the list. The woods are full of applicants now.

If you want a lesson in patience try waiting for a Senator or Representative with whom you have no appointment. Their offices, the corridors, and the waiting rooms in the Capitol are filled with expectant constituents.

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BOARDS FIGHT TAX DELINQUENT BILL

Court Orders Operation



Here is 2-year old Helen Vasko of New York who has been the storm center between parents and the court which ordered an operation to remove the child's right eye and part of the optic nerve effected by cancer. Both mother and father refused to have the child subjected to an operation. The court appealed the case.

Son Of F. M. Coburn Suffers Fracture In Auto Accident

Cecil Coburn, 11-year-old son of F. M. Coburn, local merchant, was returned to his home in the city last Saturday from Casualty Hospital in Washington, D. C., where he was rushed after injuries sustained when the car in which he was riding with his father and party collided with a truck near Hyattsville, Md., a week ago Tuesday. Altho he is suffering with a double-fractured pelvis, and is in a plaster cast at this time, his condition is not thot to be serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Coburn and children, Cecil and Gwendolyn, and their guests, Mrs. R. C., and Miss Angela Hardy of this city, were returning from a trip to Baltimore, when the car in which they were riding, a heavy sedan, collided with a truck that came to a stop suddenly and without warning on the highway near Hyattsville.

Altho badly shaken up, none of the other occupants of the sedan or truck were seriously injured. Both car and truck were badly damaged by the impact of the collision.

The U. S. Auto industry used 85 per cent of all rubber and gasoline consumed in this country in 1932.

Gov. Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, of Texas, has three "red-haired" secretaries.

Senate Bill 180, which would give considerable advantage to delinquent taxpayers over those who pay their taxes, was voted against by various governing bodies of Halifax County in session yesterday at Halifax.

Resolutions condemning the bill and asking that it be made discretionary with governing bodies of the county were passed. There was one dissenting vote.

All the county boards, many school boards, mayors and city boards were present at the meeting.

The measure, if made a law, would allow those who had not paid their taxes for five years to give notes for the taxes and in the event they paid off the notes before due, they would receive substantial discounts.

This was attacked by all as unfair to those who have been paying their taxes in the past. They received no discount and their money has been used for operating the government.

It was also shown the bill would make it practically impossible to collect any appreciable amount of taxes in the future, thus causing untold trouble and possible financial failure on the part of the various county and city units for several years.

The resolutions were sent to the Halifax County delegation at Raleigh.

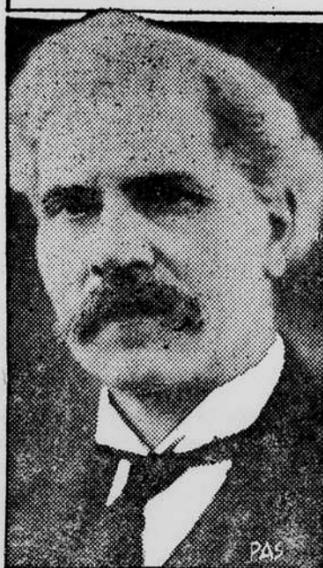
S. A. L. Wins Fight To Discontinue Two Trains Thru' Here

Following permission by the Virginia State Corporation Commission, to whom application was made some thirty-days ago by the Seaboard Airline Railway Co., two passenger trains on their Norfolk to Norlina branch, running thru Roanoke Rapids, will be discontinued entirely after Saturday, April 29th.

The two trains, which will make their last run thru the city Saturday, are: Train No. 14, Norfolk bound, which is due to leave here at 3:58 P. M., and Train No. 15, Norlina bound, due to leave here at 11:58 P. M.

Both trains, Nos. 14 and 15, carry mail. The schedules of Trains Nos. 17, Norfolk bound, arriving here at 10:03 A. M., and No. 18 for Norlina, due here at 6:23 P. M., will be affected only slightly, the above schedule being correct, (Continued on back page)

Visits Roosevelt



Prime Minister Ramsey MacDonald of England is now in the United States, upon the invitation of President Roosevelt, for the first of informal economic conferences with leaders of debtor European nations. Mr. MacDonald and his daughter were week-end guests at the White House.

Defective Wiring Probably Cause Of Fire In Kidd Bldg.

Fire, thought to have been caused from defective wiring in the store-room occupied by the Carolina Hardware Co., in the Kidd Building, was discovered about 6 A. M., Wednesday, and the local fire department promptly answered the call and quickly extinguished the blaze.

Flames spread thru the floor joists of the building, a two-story structure, and to the offices of an insurance company overhead, and Dr. West's office.

Most of the damage in the building was confined to the hardware store and the two offices mentioned, and in each instance a heavier loss will probably be suffered thru smoke and water than from actual flames. Total damage done to the building and stock was perhaps less than \$1,000.

A coal car killed little Daniel Joseph, 13, of Chicago when he went to visit the grave of his dog, buried in a railroad switchyard.

Two robbers locked two priests in a closet in a recent church robbery in Texarkana, Ark.

BULLETIN

It is definitely known that two arrests were made in the city early in the week by Officer Carl Green, but in deference to Virginia authorities, the names of the two suspects are not divulged.

In a telephone conversation with Commonwealth's Attorney Fred C. Bedinger, of Boynton, Mecklenburg County, Va., late Thursday afternoon, there were no new developments or further particulars to be divulged in the Cannon murder case.

On the night of March 31st, four of the Cannon men, two brothers and grand-nephews, ranging in age from 25 to 82, were found brutally murdered on their farm near La Crosse, Virginia. The men had scores of relatives in this city, and each new development of the case has been watched with intense interest, particularly since the arrest and questioning of Emmett Kid, former Roanoke Rapids man.

Rumors have been plentiful on the streets this week concerning the arrest of two more Roanoke Rapids people in connection with the case, however, Attorney Bedinger declined to corroborate this story and said there were no more developments he thot it would be expedient to publish at this time.

Mecklenburg County, Virginia, again leapt into prominence this week with a double axe murder. The bodies of two Negro women, Mrs. Ida MacMakins and her mother, Mrs. Judy Simmons were found horribly murdered, with an axe undoubtedly the weapon used to deal the death blows. At this time, possees are combing the County and surrounding territory searching for Jerylin MacMakins, husband of the murdered Negro woman, who it is thought killed his wife and mother-in-law.

This week's murder occurred in a shack in the Negro section of Boynton, county seat of Mecklenburg. The bodies were discovered about five o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

This afternoon at six o'clock, another axe-murderer's case went to the jury. James Crute, 24-year-old colored man is faced with first degree murder charges in connection with the death of two Negro youths, John and Benjamin Alexander. Axes were also used in this murder, which occurred on October 9th, last Fall. A verdict from the Crute jury is expected by eight P. M. tonight.

With the slayers of the Cannons evidently at large, the Negro axe murderer being sought by a posse, and another Colored axe murderer facing a jury for killing two youths, this ordinarily quiet and peaceful section of the state tonight faces eight murder mysteries, and Attorney Bedinger, alert prosecutor is a "busy man" these days.