

Asquith and Churchill Take Front Ranks in the British General Election Campaign

Asquith Criticizes Coalition Government's Shortcomings and Bonar Law Ministry

Churchill Attacks Conservative Party

Declares That a Centre Party, such as Proposed by Lloyd George, Needless

Asquith described the two wings of the coalition, hitherto in the same camp, as now separated, but still fighting wistfully over the temporary separating them.

Churchill declares himself a liberal and free trader, but says he is not going to cooperate with progressive elements if this should be necessary to counteract what he terms the "conservative and confiscatory policy of the socialist labor party."

Lloyd George today delivered addresses while on his way to Glasgow, where he was given an ovation by the university students and crowds of townspeople at the station.

Testimony Offered in Va. Shipbuilding Case

Government Seeks to Show Money Improperly Used

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 27.—The government began today to offer testimony to support its charges that money advanced by the Emergency Fleet Corporation had been used by the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation for purposes other than ship construction.

FORECAST BY STATES

STATE TO GET INCOME ON \$150,000 ESTATE OF CHEWING GUM KING

Receives of Tax Commission Frank H. Fleer's Property to be Worth \$150,000

ESTATE SMALLER THAN GENERALLY BELIEVED

Investigation Reveals That Deceased Had Lost Considerable of His Wealth

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Three Republican campaign committees—national, senatorial and congressional—filed preliminary reports with the clerk of the lower house today showing that \$721,369 had been contributed to help elect Republican senators and representatives, of which amount \$645,451 has been expended.

Each committee will file another report after the November general elections. The Democratic senatorial committee, the Anti-Saloon League of America and some minor organizations aiding national politics, will report by tomorrow night.

For the first time the Republican speakers' bureau also filed its report separately today. It showed receipts of \$17,000 and expenditures of \$11,157.

Headed the list of all contributors was R. B. Melton, of Pittsburgh, brother of the treasury secretary who gave \$25,000. John D. Rockefeller was second with \$15,000, and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave \$10,000.

The report of the national committee was the last of the three to reach the house clerk's office. A copy was obtained by the Associated Press at Chicago and sent out many years before the official document was received here by registered mail.

All told, there were seven \$10,000 contributions aside from one for that amount by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. They came from Fred Upham, as treasurer of the senatorial committee; William Wrigley, Jr., Chicago; Dr. J. D. Kennedy, Tulsa, Okla.; New Jersey Central committee; Frederick W. Allen, New York; D. A. Reed, Pittsburgh; and Henry F. Lippitt, former senator from Rhode Island.

PEGGY CHAFFEE TELLS JURY OF THE KILLING OF ALBERTA MEADOWS

Former Chorus Girl Gives Details of Famous Los Angeles Hammer Murder

MRS. CLARA PHILLIPS CHARGED WITH CRIME

Witness Tells of the Purchasing of the Hammer and of Actual Slaying

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Peggy Chaffee, former chorus girl and state's star witness in the trial of Mrs. Clara Phillips, on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows July 12, told the jury today what she witnessed the day Mrs. Meadows was killed.

After purchasing the hammer, Peggy said that she went to a friend of her husband, Armour Phillips, was "going with another girl." That night the witness and Mrs. Phillips went to see Mrs. Meadows, who was not home. Both remained all night at Mrs. Chaffee's apartment.

In the morning they started for Long Beach, where Mr. Chaffee was working, the witness said. While awaiting a train Clara went to the telephone saying, according to the witness, she was going to "call—and ask if he had a little drink."

Arriving at Long Beach, Peggy testified that they went to a friend of her's where they had several drinks. After reaching the city, Peggy testified that they went directly to the automobile park, where Mrs. Meadows kept her car, and then to her home. When Mrs. Meadows started to drive out, Peggy testified that she stopped her.

"Mrs. Phillips asked Mrs. Meadows if she would take her to her sister's," she testified. "The next day Mrs. Meadows and Mrs. Phillips then introduced me. We got into the car and Mrs. Phillips said she would direct her how to go, as she had only lived there a short time. We all got out of the car, and Mrs. Phillips called me to speak to Mrs. Meadows."

"A little further along the road, which was up hill, Mrs. Phillips said, 'Stop here.' We all got out of the car, the motor was left running and Mrs. Phillips turned to Mrs. Meadows and said: 'My husband purchased you these tires and that steering wheel.' Mrs. Meadows then struck her on the forehead with the hammer."

Here Mrs. Phillips moved forward in her seat and seemed greatly excited. Mrs. Meadows ran toward the hill screaming and the witness continued, "After rounding a turn in the road I heard voices and went back. They were walking toward me, and Mrs. Meadows was talking. As we reached the machine, Mrs. Phillips said: 'He also bought you that wrist watch.' To this Mrs. Meadows' reply was that she purchased it in Los Angeles and ordinarily he would have hit her again on the head with the hammer."

Navy Day is Observed In Befitting Manner in The National Capital

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—All hands, including the weather man, turned out here today to celebrate "Navy Day" in a way befitting the national capital. Events were strung along all through the day, each interwoven with the navy's tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt in recognition of his birth anniversary.

And in true sailor fashion, the dual celebration culminated to-night around the mess table. Edwyn Denby, now secretary of the navy, but once first plain Jack Denby, was chief yarn spinner during the watch below.

On the whole, it was a joyous day for the navy folk and their friends. Still there were moments of deepest solemnity. Over at Arlington when Secretary Denby placed a navy wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the glittering staff that made the pilgrimages with him stood uncovered with bowed heads for a moment. That was all. There was no speech-making. The soldier sleeping in lonely grandeur there is representative of the navy's war debt as well as the army's.

Later in the day Secretary Denby brought out this sailor, love and valor man to bore another floral tribute to the monument in memory of John Paul Jones. A jacks band, lusty of lungs, led the way with such rollicking old time sea ditties as "The Old Timey" and "The Lone Sailor." At the monument the tune changed to "Anchors Aweigh," the fighting chant to the midshipmen at Annapolis.

First among sea fighters of American history, Mr. Denby said, stood John Paul Jones. It was fitting, Mr. Denby said, that "Navy Day" should be John Paul Jones' day too.

While the navy itself was thus paying homage to American valor, officials of the navy league were busy with preparations for the banquet which concluded Washington's share in the day's observance.

President Harding, who it had been announced, would speak at tonight's dinner, was unable to be present.

HALLS-MILLS CASE NO MYSTERY, MOTT SAYS; NEW WITNESS FOUND

Special Investigator Admits Case is Complex But Declares It's No Mystery

HAS WITNESS WHO WILL CORROBORATE MRS. GIBSON

Some of Statements Can Be Verified; Mysterious Girl Makes Appearance

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 27.—(By the Associated Press).—The Hall-Mills case is complex, but it is not a mystery, according to a statement today of Special Deputy Attorney General Wilbur A. Mott, who has taken over the case for the state, the investigation of the double murder of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, choir singer, on the Phillips farm six weeks ago.

With an assertion by Mr. Mott that he had found a witness to corroborate at least part of the story told by Mrs. James Gibson, farmer, who claims to have witnessed the double shooting, this cryptic statement constituted the day's chief development.

In connection with this new phase, a flurry of excitement was caused by the appearance in the case of a mysterious witness, a pretty girl of 21, who in company with state troopers, spent an hour near the scene of the murder. Her identity was guarded.

Mrs. Mott received newspaper men and answered questions. In connection with a report that state troopers had been ordered to search for an antique motor car which Mrs. Gibson was riding on mule-back in search of corn, she said she had seen in the lane the night of the shooting, Mr. Mott was asked if he had the number of the car.

"I don't know, but I should be inclined to go before the grand jury unless something extraordinary develops."

In connection with his statement that he had found a witness substantiating part of Mrs. Gibson's story, Mr. Mott was asked if he had learned of another eye witness being present at the murder.

"No," he replied. "In your judgment, does the unsupported statement of a person most interested constitute an alibi?" "That is a matter for a jury to decide."

NATIONAL EXECUTIVES OF Y. W. C. A. PICTURE WORK OF ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Speer, President, and Miss Cratty, General Secretary, Speak at Reception

SMOOTHING THE PATH FOR THE WORKING GIRL

Association Also Bringing the Church Nearer to Its Proteges and Charges

The story of what the Young Women's Christian association is doing to bring the comforts of home and the coziness of the church to thousands and thousands of working girls, immigrant girls was related by Mrs. Robert E. Speer, president of the national board, and Miss Mabel Cratty, general secretary, at a reception given in their honor by Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt at her country home on Granville road yesterday afternoon.

Perhaps no clearer nor more concise resume of the manifold activities of the association has ever been presented to Wilmingtonians than pictured by these two distinguished officials of the national organization.

Mrs. Speer and Miss Cratty visited four cities of the south on the present tour, two of these, Wilmington and Durham, being in North Carolina. The other points were Atlanta and Richmond.

Mrs. Speer, the first speaker of the evening, was introduced by the Rev. Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who paid a glowing tribute to the work of the organization and its able leaders.

Mrs. Speer visualized the work of the association as turning the eyes of the world upon the girl. She told of the work being done in the factory zones of Chicago, where thousands of foreign born girls, who are working in the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria is placing wholesome and economical food within the reach of those who have hitherto partaken of indigestive and unwholesome lunches, in harmony with the bleakness of their work surroundings, and taking them from dance halls to more suitable environments.

When the association first moved its trappings into this section, Mrs. Speer said, there were chuckles from the hard-headed business men who characterized the efforts of the women as "so sentimental."

When the church authorities were asked to give their support, they were told that the Y. W. C. A. was a "world of opportunity to the door of the American girl, and developing a splendid citizenship of women for the coming eras."

Ownership of Pistol Found With Murdered Couple Still Unknown

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 27.—Police authorities have been unable to trace the ownership of the revolver of large calibre which was found near the body of the murdered couple, Mrs. Christler and Mrs. Marguerite Carleton, wife of a former Montana district judge, found in the Christler home this morning.

Mrs. Carleton's revolver was smaller than the one which caused the death, the authorities stated.

Chief of Police Moran said that he noticed Mrs. Carleton standing before the restaurant when the Christlers were dining last night and her peculiar actions so impressed him that he watched her for some time.

Mrs. Christler is the daughter of the late David Wadsworth, wealthy manufacturer of Auburn, N. Y., and the niece of United States Senator J. W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York state. The Christlers were married in 1914.

Mrs. Carleton is a native of Helena, Mont. She has a grown daughter by a former marriage.

Dr. Christler was 46 years old. He graduated at St. Andrews' seminary, Syracuse, N. Y., in 1886. He came to have in 1907 as missionary. Dr. Christler developed his field in Montana into one of the largest mission territories in the United States. Through his efforts an imposing church was built at Harve and churches were established at Glasgow, Gilford and Malta, Montana.

Police Strive to Clear Up Murder of Mrs. Burns

CLEVELAND, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press).—Cleveland police strove today to solve the mystery which has circled the murder of Mrs. Hazel Burns, whose body was found in a shallow grave near Plainville by summoning a man who is said to have heard an argument between the murder victim and her husband, Henry J. Burns, who is held on parole for a first degree murder.

The argument, it was said, occurred two days before the body was found and was over possession of a revolver. This man told police of riding with Burns from the latter's home at Mentor, Monday evening, and was asked if he could recall any of Burns' conversation relative to any alleged offer of money to "get rid of his wife."

"I asked Burns why he did not give his wife \$2,000 or \$3,000 and get rid of her that way, if he wanted to be free," the man declared. Burns said nothing about giving any money to "get rid" of the woman.

Mother of Mrs. Rosier Testifies for Daughter

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27.—Questions concerning the character of Mrs. Catherine Rosier, charged with slaying her husband, Oscar, and his stenographer, Mrs. Mildred Geraldine Beckwith, were directed at Mrs. Susan M. Reid, mother of the defendant, by the prosecution today.

Mrs. Reid admitted that Mrs. Rosier knew Oscar was married when he started on his steamship trip and said her daughter, when confronted with this, said Rosier was going to marry her as soon as he could divorce his wife.

Super Hydro-electric Interests Meet Today

ASHEVILLE, Oct. 27.—Deliberations which it is believed, will have a far-reaching effect upon the future hydro-electric power development throughout the southeast will be undertaken tomorrow when members of the executive committee of the Southern Appalachian Water Power conference, formed in Asheville last summer, gathered at the offices of the North Carolina Geological and Economic survey here.

Present at this meeting, which will center upon the advantages or disadvantages of a super-power survey in the southeast, will be Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, director of the North Carolina survey and president of the conference; Thorndyke Saville, hydraulic engineer for the state survey; Dr. Wilbur A. Nelson, state geologist; Tennessee; Lincoln Green, first vice president of the Southern railway; P. Tilley Raleigh; H. L. Willis, Atlanta; T. C. Williams, Columbia, S. C.; and J. A. Stitzer, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Morrison's Port Plan Suggested Years Ago

(Special to The Star) CHARLOTTE, Oct. 27.—Governor Morrison's proposal for the state to take stock in the steamship transportation for a similar undertaking which was directed by Charlotte business men 25 years ago.

Harriet Clarkson, attorney, Friday recalled the activities of local wholesalers to organize a steamship company to operate from the port of Wilmington, carrying produce from this section of the state.

Facisti Starts Action In a Number of Towns

LONDON, Oct. 25.—By the Associated Press.—The Times printed a "message from Italy" without naming the source. It came from the facisti at 11:50 (Friday night) began a concerted action on several towns. They are now masters of some of the chief towns like Florence, Pisa and Cremona.

Communications between north, south and central Italy have been interrupted.

"Everywhere in these towns they deposited the state authorities and assumed command. It seems there was no resistance and no conflict, except in Cremona where six facisti were shot. Everything is quiet in Milan where there is a great play of troops. There is no news from other centers."

Overman Charges Work With Failure to Deal Fairly With Soldiers

Alleges Postmaster General Has Been Misleading in His Announcements

(By H. E. C. BRYANT) WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Senator Overman is "from Missouri" on the oft-repeated claim that ex-service men have been given preference. He does not believe that all ex-service men had fair treatment at the hands of Postmaster Work. In a recent statement for political consumption, Mr. Work said: "President Harding has appointed 8,420 postmasters. Of this number 1,074 were soldiers, 1,256 women, and 104 were employees who were promoted from the ranks without examination, the latter being an innovation which enabled the department to reward meritorious service."

Southern ex-service men have not had a square deal and the files of every southern senator show it. At the request of Col. J. A. Lockhart, commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, Senator Overman has called on the postoffice department for facts to show just what has been done to carry out the spirit of the law giving ex-service men preference in postoffice appointments.

In his recent statement Mr. Work did not make plain how many ex-service men have been given 4th class postmasterships. He said 8,781 had been named, but that is all. Mr. Work has repeatedly made political capital out of his administration of the post office department but his explanations are not convincing to Senator Overman and others who know how he has denoted or side-stepped soldiers in the south.