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OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

Flogging Hearings Will Continue Into Saturday Indicated

Witnesses on Stand at Preliminary Hearing of Fairmont Affair Testify to The Fact That They recognized Several Persons in the Hooded and Masked Mob

SHIPS WILL BE LEFT

Secretary's Decision is Said to

Have Complete Approval

of President

WASHINGTON, April 26 .- Moderni-

zation of the older ships of the Ameri-

of congress, Secretary Denby an-

ment will abandon for the time being

the program which it considers may

said to have the approval of President

Harding, was regarded as closing the

incident created through the protest of

the British embassy against statements

made before congressional committees

propriations for installing post-war

improvements in the battleships. Navy

officials then asserted that no criticism

vening the five-power naval treaty

since Great Britain completed similar

As a result of today's discussion the

the treasury and refunded at the end

With official opinion in the navy

unanimously that the modernization

Among the five signatories of the

Washington naval convention, Great Britain has indicated specifically she

considered changes in gun elevation to

come within the provisions prohibit-

ing alterations of change of main bat-

teries; France has taken the opposite

view, several French battleships now

being in dry dock for such improve-

been officially stated and, so far as

the American naval officials have been

informed, there is no record whether

Some officials here have suggested that, while the actual work is being

held in abeyance, precautions could be

taken which would lessen the danger

of the American fleet being caught

unaware by an enemy of superior battle rating. They would have master

dies and patterns of the more intricate

parts necessary to gun elevation manu-

factured and stored at the various

bases for use in an emergency so that

the period of tie-up might be reduced.

months would be required under nor-

mal conditions to complete the modern-

ization of a battleship.

has been estimated that three

Japanese position never has

The secretary's decision,

embassy.

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ments.

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Sons and Daughters of Alleged Mistreated Women Say They Recognized Assailants

STATE CONCLUDED ITS TESTIMONY EARLY ENTIRELY TO CONGRESS

Over Sixty Witnesses Have Been Called by Defense to Testify in Subsequent Sessions

LUMBERTON, April 26 .- In the preliminary hearing held this afternoon before Recorder W. B. Ivey in Lumberton of the case of the state against B. can fleet will await specific authority M. Lawson, Jule Brogden and John Hedgepeth, charged with burglary and | nounced today, and the navy departconspiracy in connection with the alleged forcible taking of Mrs. Hattie Purvis, wife of Henry T. Purvis, and Mrs. Mary Watson, and the inhuman have been approved under a misappre whipping on their bare flesh, the state | hension of the situation. rested its case although the defense has summoned more than 60 witnesses and ndvices tonight are to the effect that the preliminary hearing will in all probability not be over until Satur-

Purvis and Mrs. Watson have both testified to the actual whipping and the events leading up to

During the morning session quite a number of witnesses were heard, all effering approximately the same testi-

At the afternoon session which was called at 2:30 o'clock and which reessed at a late hour tonight, two young daughters of Mrs. Watson coroborated her testimony inasfar as events that took place at the house were concerned, and stated that in the crowd that took their mother they easily recognized Jule Brogden.

Sons Testify Conrad Purvis, 16, Aristo Purvis, 13, and Ricks Purvis, 10, were next called witnesses by the state. All three the young boys' testimony was to he same effect. They are the sons of Mrs. Hattle Purvis, the woman who is alleged to have been beaten, and testifled at the hearing that they recognized two men among the mob's numr. namely Jule Brogden and John

They further testified in accordance with the testimony given by their mother in regards to visitors received and as to what went on at the house Denby's statement, naval officials de-when the masked men called.

Night Police on Stand The next witness introduced by the state was R. R. Turbeville, acting night oliceman at Fairmont, who stated that saw the Fairmont chief of police about 8:30 on the night that the crime alleged to have taken place. The thef he said at the time voluntarily stated to him that he was going home, although he was seen about 11:30 clock again by the witness.

About six other witnesses were examined by attorneys for the state and for the defense, the majority being subject to a rigid cross examination. Practically all tesitfied along the same lines, that of having seen the masked men on their trip to the coun

During the morning hours the princials testified in the preliminary hear

Morning Hearing Mrs. Purvis stated that she and Mrs. Watson were sitting in the room at her me, and that between 10 and 11 C'clock they heard steps upon the front and back porches. She asserted that she recognized Jule Brogden first, when the band of men entered the house, and that she also recognized John Hedge peth, a brother of Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Purvis reported that the men were masked, all wearing white robes, and that in addition to recognizing Brodgen and Hedgepeth, she also recognized Mike Lawson, of Fairmont. She testified that the men carried Mrs. Watson and herself to a Ford automobile, in which, she stated, they were driven through the town of Proctorville to a church on the edge of the town; that they were blindfolded and hat she, Mrs. Purvis. was charged by member of the band, with operating a disorderly house. She also stated that nembers of the band alleged that she was in the habit of going to the office of a man in Fairmont. She claimed hat she denied these allegations, but that she was not given a chance to

Tells of Whipping She recited the story of the alleged whipping, after which she said that she and Mrs. Watson were made to walk

ome. She stated that she showed the marks upon her body to Dr. E. R. Hardin and J. A. Sharp, editor of the Robesonian, and also to all of her lawyers.

Mrs. Purvis was then tendered to the defense for cross-examination, and was asked if a woman had attacked her on the streets of Fairmont. This Mrs. Purvis admitted

The defense attempted to prove by Mrs. Purvis that she was angry with kind, but each of the leading candi-points for every yearly subscription like Lawson, attempting to show the dates who is striving for first honors to the News, and 1 point for every ason for her anger as being caused the failure of Lawson to take up equally during the period just closed, that in her trouble in Fairmont.

Mrs. Purvis charged that Mrs. Mary could today's leaders be determined.

Watson's husband was at the bottom of Watson's husband was at the bottom of the competition, therefore, so far the whole affair. Mrs. Watson was as the relative standing of the candi-

Mrs. Watson Testifies
Mrs. Watson testified that she went over to visit Mrs. Purvis on the night (Continued on Page Two)

BORAH'S CAMPAIGN Dudding Charges AGAINS S. ENTRY IN

enator Will Lead Irons in Fight Against Administration Move

GIVES STATEMENT IN REGARDS TO HIS VIEWS **MODERNIZATION OF OLD**

Declares Country Cannot Go Into Tribunal and Stay Out of league

WASHINGTON, April 26.-Senator Boarh of Idaho, a leader of the Republican ironclads in the senate fight over the treaty of Versailles and its league of nations covenant, tonight inaugurated his campaign of opposition to the administration proposal that the United States accept membership in the permanent court of international justice, the world arbitration tribunal set up under the league.

In a statement setting forth views, the Idaho senator declared that the Republican party in asserting that the United States can go into the league court and stay out of the 'eague is tak- Brilliant Assemblage of Foreign ing a position which will bring down upon it the moral condemnation of

"I think the proposition that you can go into the league court and still continue to be against the league, or stay out of the league, is the most remark when the department was seeking ap-propriations for installing post-war public," Mr. Borah added. "It is an impossible proposition, it would never be suggested if political exigency did

not seem to require it."

Issuance of the statement was the of the work could be made as contraforemost development today in the world court discussions which continued alterations. This was denied by the to engage many of the members of the senate who are in Washington. Several senators today as yesterday conferred \$6,500,000 appropriated by the last congress for gun elevation will be left in on the matter, among them Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republiccan leader and Watson, of Indiana, but of the fiscal year as "unexpended from these conferences nothing developed to indicate definitely the trend of

from Secretary Denby down holding The administration proposal received support from Elihu Root, who sat as exalted a king or queen, a member of the commission that draft- All the members of the program is permissible under the treaty drawn up at the Washington arms conference and essential to the American naval standing, it was regarded as certain that the matter law. Before the same organization would be presented anew to congress Secretary Hughes tomorrow night will state. The American ambassador in a was target to the court statute, in an address dear and a brilliant array of foreign princes, and a brilliant array of foreign partment recommendations, however, plan

In addition to Senator Borah's stateis expected to be bared in the technical necessities of the situation without ment, views on the proposal were set regard to what any other nation has forth by Senators McKellar, Democrat, done or may do. While the immediate Tennessee and McKinley, Republican, problem was removed by Sertetary Illinois.

Senator McKellar endorsed the step interpretation remained which ulti-mately would have to be answered. "like Saul of Tarsus has at last

seen a light."
"I greatly marvel that there seems to be so much division and descension over the court in the President's own party," said Senator McKellar, "but I hope and believe that maturer thought will allay this opposition and that at least enough Republican senators will proposition to insure our entrance into the court."

Senator McKinley's statement merely and asserted that he had been told by Lord Robert Cecil and the President and whispered in his ear what some Japan's fleet has been improved in of the French senate while in Geneva in the audience declared must have last September fifth British and French been good advice to a bachelor. governments would be satisfied with a reorganization of the court and a selection of judges in a way that would e satisfactory to the United States."

PRISONER DIES TODAY.

RALEIGH, April 26 .- Unless Governegro will be executed at the state moving cadences. prison tomorrow morning at 10:20. The bride, in the o'clock, paying the penalty for the tiest gown probably ever made for a murder of Cyrua Jones, mall carrier, royal marriage, then moved slowly to and reducing by one the little colony of the steps of the altar on the arm of her 16 men in death row at the state prison tall, courtly father, the Earl of Strathwaiting the date for their going

LEADERS IN STAR-NEWS RACE EXCEEDINGLY HARD TO FIGURE

End of Big Vote Period Find's Canidates Close Together; Counters Are Literally Swamped With Great Number of Votes for Different Candidates

Swinging into line, all a-tingle with high hopes and ambition, candidates in the Star-News now famous campaign have swelled their vote totals to a wonderful high mark and from now on to the finish it will be a pretty

exciting race between the leaders. The first period of the campaign which closed Monday night was a tre-mendous success. Tens of thousands yes, hundreds of thousands of votes, were issued and every "live" candi-date profited mightly.

It is a strange coincidence, too, and something unusual in affairs of this and the grand prizes, benefited so

ber that she was not rearing her girls

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to a fateful close in just a few weeks

For new subscriptions received in the Star-News great \$14,000 "Everybody Wins Campaign" during the next three and a half weeks the Star-News offers a new Essex Coach value \$1300. Think of it! Not satisfied with giving \$14,000 in automobiles and gold and silver in this big campaign, the Staring of a Essex Coach to the candidate who secures the most points on new subscriptions on the basis of 1 1-2 to the News, and 1 point for every yearly subscription to the Star, be-

now and Saturday night, May 5. Count for Votes, Too The special extra added prize has all its joys and sorrows into your no relation whatsoever to the \$14,000 own?" the whole affair. Mrs. Watson was as the relative standing of the cannot hext placed upon the stand by the dates is concerned, depends almost enceived on the extra special gift proposition also count full value in the various contestants between now tails of the alleged whipping.

The whole affair. Mrs. Watson was as the relative standing of the cannot be except that the new subscriptions received on the extra special gift proposition also count full value in the same tails of the alleged whipping. winners will be.

The above is not "mere talk" for the sake of telling but a real fact—

new subscription of a year or more.

Not Investigated

RALEIGH, April 26,-In the abence of a quorum, no action on the question of a state prison investigation was taken by the state board of charities and public welfare today, the only two members of the board who reached Raleigh, conferring informally for an hour or more with Governor Morrison who called the meeting. The meeting scheduled for today will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock and it is expected that possibly all save one member will be present.

The state prison board at a recent session refused to investigate the charges of cruelty to prisoners made by Dudding and expressed the opinion in a formal statement that the charges should be ignored. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner o welfare, had previously written James A. Leak, chairman of the state prison board, suggesting an inquiry to clear up the good name of the state which, she maintained, was involved.

Notables, English Aristocrats and Others

SERVICE CONDUCTED IN OLD WESTMINSTER

Marriage Service Conducted With True British Precision for All Matters

LONDON, April 26.-The Duke of ork and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon joined hands and hearts before the golden altar of Westminster Abbey today while all Britain poured out its blessings. The magnificent church service that elevated the modest Scotch girl from the common ranks to a place in the crown of the empire would have All the members of the royal family

leagues, a symbol of democracy.

royal events. wore a solemn, severely dignified bridal couple throughout. The venerable dowager queen, Alexandria, gave the regal ceremony a human touch by moving out of her place and bestowing kisses upon the members of party as

they came within the chancel.

Next to the bride and groom, Princess join us Democrats in voting for the Mary and the Prince of Wales were proposition to insure our entrance into the objects of the most attention. Wales appeared to be the calmest man in the abbey, and he toyed with the supplemented his endorsement given plume of his three-cornered military personally to the President yesterday, hat during the entire ceremony. At one point Alexandria leaned toward him

wedding ceremony began promptly at 11:30 o'clock. After the king and queen, the other royalties tones of the invisible male choir, ac- ment of justice. companied by the honorous booming of nor Morrison interferes at the last mo-ment, Willie Hardison, Onslow county gathering, filling the vast abbey with

The bride, in the simplest and dainthe steps of the altar on the arm of her more. She carried no bridal bouquet, having deposited it on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

She was joined soon afterward by the bridegroom, who presented striking figure in his blue uniform of the royal air force, with the blue ri-band of the Garter across his shoulder and a golden sword at his side. The six bridesmaids, two of whom are soon to become brides themselves, stood behind the couple, the ensemble present-

ing a striking picture. As the duke and bride joined hands the sun, which had not revealed itself for several days, suddenly emerged from behind the mist and its light, coming through the high-vaulted windows of the abbey, cast an effulgence upon the gallant duke and his lovely bride and brought into bold relief the touches of gold, crimson and silver in the costumes of the brilliant assem-

blage of spectators.

than Lady Elizabeth, his erect, muscular frame and the ruddy glow of his countenance contrasting strongly with the delicate figure of his bride, whose robe of unrelieved white seemed to accentuate the palneness of her features. After the marriage vows had been taken by the couple, the archbishop of York delivered a brief address to the duke and his bride in which he said: "The warm, generous heart of this people takes you today to itself; won't you in response take that heart with

The duke stood fully a head taller

The service was concluded with short prayer and benediction and the congregation knelt in silent devotion. The royal couple then repaired to the chapel of Edward the Confessor where they signed the marriage register. Meanwhile the organ broke into the martial strains of the British national anthem, the music rifiging through the great edifice and making the silent sepulchres of the dead resound with its reverberations.

PROHIBITION CHARGES WILL SOON

High Officials of Three Federal Agencies Working on the Proposition

CHARGE OF FRAUD ARE FREELY MADE

Wet Cases Coming up From Different Sections of the United States

WASHINGTON, April 26 .- Prohibilegations of bribery in several states Legislator So Declares in State. In Speech to Court Called Attenthe attention of high officials of at least three federal agencies, the treasury and justice departments and pro-hibition enforcement headquarters. There were indications that facts developed from the several investigations in progress might ultimately come before President Harding for action. Charges of fraud among former and

possibly present prohibition agents caused orders for an investigation by the bureau of internal revenue. Anther investigation along similar lines, involving alleged tenders of bribes for "protection" to former prohibition oficers already is under way by the department of justice, whose agents are making inquiries among "bootlegg" circles in a number of cities.

The internal revenue bureau's investigation also was said to extend into several states, involving the personnel of several state prohibition Prohibition personnel troubles in Il-

inois and Alabama had further official airings during the day. Roscoe C. Andrews, suspended prohibition director for Illinois, conferred with in-ternal revenue commissioner Blair, but did not call upon prohibition Commissioner Haynes who obtained his suspension for authorization delivery of housands of gallons of liquor to stock holders of a liquidated Chicago conern. Commissioner Blair and Mr. Andrews declined to comment on their conference. Another prohibition personnel dif-

ficulty, from Alabama, following the recent suspension there of the acting state director and three assistants evoked a statement today from com-

s gorgeously attired European col-to the intelligence unit of commis-agues, a symbol of democracy. to the intelligence unit of commis-sioner Blair's office after Mr. Austin's The entire service was conducted preliminary work had been concluded with the traditional precision of British and the four Alabama agents suspen- clusion of his address. Before the com-

hough personnel di pression and kept her eyes upon the prohibition unit are under investiga- ator treasury department was concerned over some of the methods being emloyed in prohibition enforcement. differences between Secretary Mellon, Commissioner Blair and Haynes. The atter, however, insisted that no serious disputes existed although there

naturally have disagreements. Commissioner Haynes has often delared that foes of prohibition have endeavored frequently to make trouble with his superiors. In this connection prohibition headquarter officials pointed out that his office was without authority to conduct final investigations nto the conduct of prohibition agents. these being prosecuted by the intelli-genec unit under Commissioner Blair, and clergy had taken their places in the immediate superior of Commisthe sacriarium, the soft, melodious sioner, Haynes and also by the depart-

WINS AUTO RACE.

FRESNO, Calif., April 26.—Jimmy Murphy won the 150 miles "raisin day" automobile race here today. His time was one hour, 26 minutes and 55 seconds. Eddie Hearne finished second, Benny Hill, third; Cooper fourth, Elliott fifth and Thomas six.

GRAFT Morse Trial Is Halted During Day Account Of Many Conferences

Question as To Whether Mistrial Should be Ordered or Not Stirs Court Room During Session As it Was Alleged Jurors Were Not Competent to Serve

NEEDED IN FLORIDA AT CLARA HEARINGS

ment Made To a Special Committee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 26 .-Troops should be sent to Dixle county to protect the lives of state witnesses when the trial of Walter Higginbotham, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Martin Tabert of Munich, N. D., is called May 16. declared Representative C. H. Ken nerly, in reporting today to the joint legislative committee of his trip to Clara yesterday.

"If the prosecution brings, witnesses down there for the trial their lives won't be safe," Mr. Kennerly told the committee, "and if members of this committee are obliged to go there again, troops should be sent with them" he added. The representative related in detail how he and Representative John Clay Smith, comprising a sub-committee, were greeted yesterday at Clara by a committee of armed men when they arrived to inspect Tabert's grave.

The committee, which concluded its inquiry into Tabert's death this afternoon, unanimously adopted a resolu-tion calling the attention of the state board of medical examiners to the conduct of Dr. T. Capers Jones physician employed by the Putnam Lumber company and asked that an investigation be made to the end "that the medical profession be purged of a seemingly nworthy member.

Dr. Jones testified before the committee he had attended Tabert three days before he died walle serving a sentence at the convict lease camp of He told the comthe lumber company. mittee that Tabert's body showed no signs of any bruises or cuts that could have been caused by the whip of Higginbotham. He gave pneumonia as the cause of that with a complication of malaria. Records of the state board of health, showed he never made out a burial certificate.

The resolution was introduced .. by Representative. Kennerly. at .the . conmittee could vote, it was amended. The The bridegroom gave the impression of a man at happy ease. Queen Mary tion cases was said to be unusual aland said should tion almost constantly. It was said, revised resolution calling on the state however, that Secretary Mellon of the board of medical examiners to investigate the record of the physician. A general discussion took place while

Senator MacWilliams was wording the There also was a revival of reports of amendment and Senator John P. Stokes chairman of the committee, declared "so far as I am concerned, I believe every word that has been said about him, (the physician) and I believe he ought to be kicked out of the profes-

"He seems to have been owned, body and soul, by the Putnam Lumber com-pany," continued Senator Stokes. "Further. I want every crook that has had anything to do with this to be cleaned out. But, in this doctor's case, I be-lieve it would be outside the scope of the committee's power to do more than bring the testimony to the attention

of the board of medical examiners.".

Representative Kennerly, making his official reports as spokesman for the sub-committee that visited Clara yesterday, related the actions of the so-called reception committee towards Arthur Johnson, a negro, and former convict at the Putnam Lumber company Clara, which is in Taylor county and cross City, located in Dixie, the adjoining county, are owned by the Put-nam Lumber company and inhabited by its employes, the committee learned.

BE After Recess of More Than an Trial to Proceed

> ATTORNEY ROCKWOOD IS REPRESENTING MORSE

Ability

WASHINGTON, April 26 .- The Morse trial was halted for an hour and a

half today for private conferences beween counsel and Justice Stafford, the subject of which was reported to have been whether one of the jurors sitting in the case should be disqualified and a mistrial ordered. So far as appeared the question was left undetermined. Some of counsel of the defense indicated that a motion for a mistrial might be made tomorrow. The conference began immediately after court was convened and continued for more than a quarter of an hour. Meantime rumors of some development of possibly startling character swept around the court room. After further discussion with attorneys. been conferring together, Justice Stafford dismissed the jury for an hour and the conferences were continued outside the court.

There was an air of expectancy among the spectators as court was re-convened, but the trial proceeded after Justice Stafford had asked each jury in turn whether he had read or knew the substance of an editorial appearing yesterday in a local newspaper. and discussing the sick plea of Harry F. Morse, one of the defendants. The

jurors replied in the negative. Resuming his oral presentation of the defense case to the jury, Attorney Nash Rockford, of New York, declared the evidence would show that the opinions of the emergency fleet corporation constituted "if not one of the greatest scandals in history, at least one of the greatest exhibitions of inefficiency in history." He added that the defense expected to put all the facts on the table no matter whom

they might hit, Mr. Rockwood declared that the delays in ship deliveries by the Morse concerns about which the government complains were due to red tape in the fleet cormitation, the confused records of that corporation, delay in the making of progress, payments, changes in plans of the ships and in construction even after they were completed and the inefficiency of many of the corporation's employes.

As an illustration of what shipbiuldwere confronted with during the war, Mr. Rockwood asserted that the launching of a steel ship at the Morse's Groton, Conn., plant, was delayed for some time because an inspector for the fleet corporation had reported that the water in the Thames river was not of sufficient specific gravity the vessel. He related that Charles W. Morse eventually launched the ship on his own responsibility although warned in "the sovereign name of the United States" not to do so.

Counsel declared that the evidence would show that Mr. Morse's first act after the war was declared was to call together the board of directors of his Noank, Conn., wooden ship plant and offer the use of the plant to the gov-ernment. The government sought Morse out to obtain the benefit of his practical experience in shipbuilding. Mr. Rockwood declared. He added that Mr. Morse had cancelled the contracts for four wooden ships without cost to the government and charged off his personal losses to patriotism.

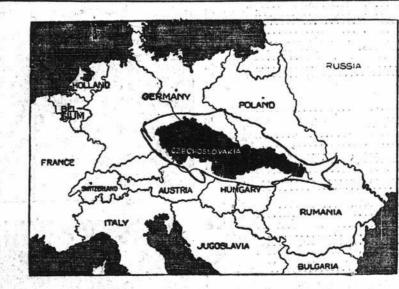
.Then the government abandoned the wooden ship program and decided to concentrate on steel ships, its officials again sought out Mr. Morse, Mr. Rockwood continued, with a result that the Groton plant was constructed and the contract let for the building of 12 ships there. Later he was asked to build a second plant and did so at Alexandria, Va. Counsel declared the books of the plants were open at times to government inspectors and were inspected frequently.

Turning to the employment by Mr. Morse of Wm. G. McAdoo, former seeretary of the treasury and other counsel, Mr. Rockwood said the idea wathat Mr. Morse should be well guided in the execution of the contracts the government. The attorney added that he followed direction of counsel

One point stressed by Mr. Rockwood was that the contracts awarded to Mr. Morse were on lump sums amount of each ship to be built and not a cost plus basis. He asserted that with the exception of the initial contract payments, of 10 per cent on each craft there was nothing in the contracts as to how the money should be spent and argued that this was not a subject of concern to the government so long as the ships were de-

Twin City Citizen Dies in Baltimore

WINSTON-SALEM, April 26 .- A telegram from Baltimore received here tonight stated that F. G. Dunklee, successful business man of Winston-Salem, dropped dead there early in the even-Mr. Dunklee left here Wednes day night to enter a Baltimore hospital for treatment. He was an ex-president of the Rotary club here, a Knight Tem-plar, Shriner, and Elk. Last year he represented Rotary in the San Franisco convention



The Fish That Must Swim Inland!

Look at this map and you will see that this phrase aptly describes the new war-made republic of Czechoslovakia. "The fish that must swim inland" is in a predicament as romantic as it is unusual.

William Philip Simms, the famous international reporter touring Europe for the Wilmington News, tells about its plight in a series of articles starting today. Don't fail to read them.