

167 WITNESSES CALLED IN CASE AT GREENVILLE

Roderick Davenport Faces Trial On Banking Law Charges

GREENVILLE, Feb. 3.—(AP)—One hundred and sixty-seven state witnesses and a 60-man venire have been instructed to appear in Superior court here tomorrow for the opening of the trial of Roderick Davenport and 17 associates on charges ranging from conspiracy to practice fraud to violate the banking laws.

Davenport, under \$7,500 bond, allegedly was the head of a large agency which the state charges borrowed money at five per cent interest a week and lent it at 10 per cent interest.

The special court term to try the defendants was ordered by Governor Cherry, who also instructed Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill to preside over it.

The defendants allegedly operated extensively in Eastern North Carolina. Davenport has been under indictment since September 4, 1934.

GOBBLERS MOVING UP IN STANDINGS

By The Associated Press (RICHMOND, Va.)—There was one major change in the Southern Conference basketball picture yesterday—Virginia Tech's Gobblers were up in third place in the league standings trailing top-place Duke and runner-up North Carolina and currently are the best defensive quintet in the 16-team circuit.

Coach George (Gummy) Proctor's Gobblers, possessing a record of four victories and one defeat, pulled up into the conference limelight the past week by slapping a double spanking on the University of Richmond and routing Virginia Military Institute.

The Gobblers, who have a poorer scoring average than either Duke or North Carolina, are a shade ahead of the leaders in the defensive parade. In five games, the Blacksburg cagers have held their opponents to an average of 31.4 points a game. Their own scoring average in conference competition is 43.4 points.

Duke and North Carolina were still running a very close race for the league leadership. The Blue Devils have won 10 and lost one, while the Tar Heels boast a record of nine triumphs and one loss.

The second-place Tar Heels have a better scoring average than the Duke's and at the present are setting a blistering pace with a 58-point average, which is pretty fancy basket shooting in anybody's league. Duke's average is 50.2 points. North Carolina's opponents have been able to make 35.6 points a game on an average, while Duke's defense yielded 33.3 points average.

After Duke, North Carolina and Virginia Tech, there's nobody else with much of a chance to come out on top unless you would care to waste a little money wagering on Citadel, now in seventh place with one victory and one licking. All of the rest of the teams have lost more than once except Washington and Lee, so far without a conference start.

First corridor train was invented by George Pullman, American cabinet-maker, in 1837. He also invented the sleeping car, in 1837.

LADY'S STOMACH WAS LIKE A GAS FACTORY; MEALS TURNED TO GAS

One lady said recently that her stomach used to be like a "gas factory." That is, when she ate a meal it seemed to turn right into gas. She was always bloated, had awful stomach gas pains, daily headaches and constant irregular bowels. Now, however, this lady says she is FREE OF STOMACH GAS and she says the change is due to taking INNER-AID. Her meals agree with her. No gas or bloating after eating. Headaches and constipation are gone. "Oh! what relief!" states this lady. "Why don't other gas and constipation sufferers get INNER-AID."

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PAIR CAUGHT AFTER CHASE

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improvised shelter made of poles, covered on top with pieces of paper, the sides being left open. On the ground the pair had spread eight or 10 blankets which they had stolen from the houses, and used for bedding. They covered with other blankets.

From Topsail residents and summer shacks of Wilmington citizens, they had stolen a trunk and other household goods and money. They had food which officers said was enough to feed them for several months. Their array of fire arms and ammunition was also plentiful some of it in good shape, some needing repair.

Among Wilmington residents whose summer houses the men had broken into are Edgar L. Yow, Dr. Watts Farthing and George Rountree, Jr.

Enter Residence Events leading to the climax of the desperado's career began Saturday afternoon when they emerged from their hiding place and entered the residence of Harvey Jones, a planter of the Topsail community.

Jones lives with his wife in a house which officers said is isolated from neighbors during the winter months. The men visited the Jones house during their absence and ransacked it for valuables which they took back to their hide-out. They found a German Luger pistol and a 22 rifle in the house and about 500 rounds of ammunition.

While examining the pistol, Jones was shot through the hand causing it to bleed, this the felons bandaged with first aid facilities which they had stolen previously.

After carrying their loot to their hide-out, Millis and Forbes returned to the Jones residence and waited outside until they returned home.

"It's a holdup" When the Jones' came home and found their house had been entered, they prepared to return to Hampstead and notify authorities, but as they walked out to get into their car, Millis and Forbes who had been hiding behind the Jones' car pulled their guns on them and told them to put up their hands.

"It's a hold-up give us your money," the men told them. Jones and his wife emptied their pockets and purses and gave the robbers a total of \$40.31, after which the Jones were held at the point of the guns for about an hour while the bandits decided what to do with them.

Then Millis and Forbes decided they were hungry for some good home cooking which they demanded Mrs. Jones to prepare, including hot biscuits.

The bandits also brought one of their guns back from their hide-out and demanded Jones to repair it. Jones was not familiar with gun-smithing, but in a short period of about three hours he had repaired the gun, a 22 target model.

Then the bandits demanded Jones to drive them to Hampstead which he did, Mrs. Jones accompanying them.

Rowed Across Crossing the Sound presented a problem to the party as the bridge was up. So the men demanded Jones take his boat and row them across, a distance of approximately a mile after which they forced Jones to take his truck parked 500 yards away and bring them to Hampstead.

Near Hampstead the two bandits decided to walk the rest of the way and alighted at Colon Padgett's house and proceeded on foot. The Jones immediately contacted relatives at Hampstead, who notified Wilmington officials.

Wilmington officials joined the officers from Pender county and the Federal agent and initiated a search for Millis and Forbes which led them through investigations of eight residences before they found their men.

The fugitives were found at the residence of Jim Riggs located about a mile and a half off the road which leads from Hampstead to Castle Hayne, or four miles from U. S. 17.

Weather Table

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Table with columns: City, High, Low, Precip. Includes cities like Washington, Wilmington, Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, etc.

JAPAN CALLED IN TO KEEP U. S. OUT

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"No one else has been informed of the confidential nature of these negotiations—not even the Italian Ambassador in Berlin nor the Japanese Ambassador.

I believe this alliance can be concluded within the next week to prevent the entry of America into the war."

He said Hitler was "favorably inclined" and had authorized him to conclude the pact.

Ribbentrop admitted that Russia "certainly will not be so chanted at conclusion of the pact with Japan at first. But he discounted any real objection.

"I do not believe the Axis treaty will drive Russia into the arms of America or Great Britain because (Premier Josef) Stalin told me that Russia is fed up with shedding blood for France and England," Ribbentrop said.

MURRAY ASSAILS ANTI-STRIKE BILL

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either labor or management and ban use of organized boycotts to force terms, and

Permit wider use of court injunctions in labor disputes.

Murray's letter to Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House urging defeat of the measure was part of the biggest mail and telegram storm to hit Capitol Hill in months.

Members questioned said most of the missives came from labor sympathizers. Backers of the Case measure, however, continued to predict that the bill, or a reasonable facsimile of it, will be passed, probably by Wednesday.

Murray contended the bill would revive labor injunctions, outlaw any form of strike aid, and rob workers of protection under the National Labor Relations Act.

Further, he asserted, it imposes compulsory arbitration.

FIRES IN CITIES TAKE LIFE TOLL

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and spread almost at once to all portions.

TWELVE INJURED WHEN FIRE SWEEPS HOTEL CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—(AP)—One man was suffocated and 12 persons were injured in two fires which swept through three floors of the Congress Hotel, on Michigan avenue today.

Fire Marshal Anthony J. Mullane estimated damage at \$35,000 and said the origins were undetermined.

Frank Van Hoesen, 35, of Rochester, N. Y., official of a paint and wall paper company, was suffocated in his fifth floor room in the hotel's south building, shortly after the first fire broke out at 6:44 a. m. Hotel officials said the second fire broke out on the 12th floor at 11:54 a. m.

In the scramble to escape from their rooms, many of the hotel's 2,000 guests dropped out of windows to lower level roofs, fled down fire escapes and jammed elevators. Employees struggled to rouse guests, many of whom were sleeping when the first blaze was discovered.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED IN BOSTON BLAZE BOSTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Trapped beneath debris when a roof caved in, two firemen were crushed to death and six others injured today while battling a three-alarm blaze in the century-old Irish-American Club building, a South Boston landmark.

The dead were Fire Capt. Stephen F. Gunn, 47, of Dorchester and Edward J. Barrett, 36, of South Boston.

Rescue workers with electric saws cut through the heavy beams to save the injured firemen. Others anticipated the collapse, leaped to safety on a fire escape, while still others were saved by a balcony under which they were working.

ARMY PLANS GUARD OF 425,000 MEN

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The long-range program contemplates use of the National Guard as "an integral part and a first line reserve component of the postwar military establishment x x x capable of immediate expansion to war strength, able to furnish units fit for service anywhere in the world, trained and equipped."

"A. To defend critical areas of the United States against land, sea, or air invasion.

"B. To assist in covering the mobilization and concentration of the remainder of the reserve forces.

TRUMAN PLANS STEEL MOVE

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with no settlements in sight, other new walkouts threatened to add to the current total of 1,380,000 idle in labor disputes.

At St. Louis, an enforced holiday for 90,000 public school pupils was thought likely to result from a strike of 400 school custodians set for 7 a. m., today (Monday).

Dr. Herbert Winterer, president of the board of education, said the 141 public schools would not open today if heat was not available.

The custodians, members of the AFL Custodians and Matrons union, seek a \$20 monthly pay raise.

Brass Workers About 2,000 employees of the American Brass company at Buffalo, N. Y., went on a scheduled walkout Sunday midnight, joining more than 20,000 members of the CIO mine, mill and smelter workers union in a strike against the brass industry's "Big Three."

The big three are the Scoville Manufacturing company, the Chase Brass and Copper company, and American Brass.

At San Diego, Calif., the CIO Aircraft Machinists union planned a strike today of 3,561 employees of the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft corporation. The union wants a 10 per cent hourly "stop gap" wage raise pending final contract negotiations.

Kansas City had labor troubles, too. There six major milk distributing companies are threatened with a strike by the AFL Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees union. Union members voted to strike after their 1945 contract expires at midnight Thursday.

However, the union said the dairies would be struck singly to insure a continuous supply of milk. Time for the walkouts was undiscussed. Operators reported the union was asked a wage increase averaging 29 cents an hour more than was paid under the 1945 contract.

"Outside Government" A White House official announced that President Truman plans to call in men from outside the government to discuss the steel strike and other economic matters this week. The President was reported to be preparing to announce a steel price increase which some quarters believe will open the way to revision of the national wage-price stabilization policy and end wage-price disputes in the steel, electrical and other major industries.

Usually well-informed sources place the price rise at between \$4 and \$5 a ton. The President's steel fact-finding panel reportedly will hold that this is more than enough to compensate the steel companies in return for raising striking workers 18 1/2 cents an hour.

Both developments, if they materialize, could mean a readjustment of the administration's hold-the-line policy which probably would have to be extended to other trouble fronts. Some responsible officials contend there is no other way to end the steel walkout and clear the way for settlement of other vital strikes, including that of 200,000 electrical workers.

The "entire situation" was canvassed in talks between the president and his top economic advisers Saturday. The official said, adding there were "no conclusive results." Meeting with Mr. Truman were State and Treasury Secretaries Byrnes and Vinson, both former directors of War Mobilization; Price Administrator Chester Bowles and Reconversion Director John W. Snyder.

Another White House visitor Saturday was Charles E. Wilson, president of the strikebound General Electric corporation. Wilson later told reporters he had given Mr. Truman "some suggestions as to wages and prices" looking toward a settlement of the strike of 200,000 CIO United Electrical workers against GE, Westinghouse and General Motors. But he did not divulge his suggestions.

Optimism Drops Labor department officials in Washington were reported to have dropped their optimism about a quick settlement of the General Motors strike by 175,000 CIO auto workers. Federal Conciliator James F. Dewey planned to bring the parties together in Detroit again this afternoon. But during the week he and reported the negotiations were lagging.

Secretary of Labor Schwelbenschbach may get a report today from the meat fact finding board. This group has been investigating the strike of 263,000 AFL and CIO workers which resulted in government seizure of the major packing houses a week ago.

NON-LICENSED WORKERS TIE UP PORT OF MOBILE MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Virtually all shipping in the port of Mobile was tied up today when non licensed employees of a towing company stayed off their jobs, according to Capt. Wilmer Miller, vice-president of the Mobile Towing and Wrecking company.

L. J. Williams, Gulf representative of the Seafarers' International union (AFL), placed number of employees at about 35 and said the Towing company had refused to recognize the union as a bargaining agent for its non-licensed personnel. He added that the National Labor Relations board had notified the firm to recognize this union but the order had been "ignored."

The company declined comment. The strikers consist of ookers, firemen, deckhands and cooks, Williams said, and "engineers and captains of the tow boats are licensed personnel and will not strike."

SIDESHOW OF LIFE

HOUSE-GROWN TOMATOES

SOUTH ROYALSTON, Vt., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Homer Russell and her family are enjoying fresh tomatoes this winter — and they're grown right at the Russell home.

Last fall Mrs. Russell transplanted a tomato plant from her living garden to a sap pail in her living room. A number of blossoms appeared and the Russells are having tomatoes right along.

WOULDN'T KISS HIM SALEM, Mass., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Because his wife refused to kiss him in Grand Central station in New York when he returned home after two years in the Navy, Weldon H. Osborne sought a divorce on grounds of cruelty.

HEN WORKS OVERTIME RANDOLPH, Vt., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Campbell believe one of their cross-bred Rock-red pullets has set some sort of record. In one week, the hen laid 12 eggs.

DOUBLE DECORATION GROTON, Mass., Feb. 3.—(AP)—It wasn't a new experience for town clerk Frank Torrey of Groton when he received a medal recently for his duties as a member of the draft board during World War II. He was similarly honored for his service during World War I.

FARMERS FLY TO MEETING LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 3.—(AP)—A group of "Flying farmers" from Vermillion county, Indiana, has found a new use for their farm-based airplanes.

Five men and two women flew to the annual agricultural conference at Purdue University and returned home each night of the meeting in time to do the milking and chores.

The farmers maintain landing fields at home and used the Purdue airbase as a base of operations while attending the meetings.

FIRE ENGINE FOR POWER PENDELTON, Ind., Feb. 3.—(AP)—A New York Central freight locomotive was all steamed up with no place to go here recently when it was used to supply power to the Indiana reformatory. The reformatory power plants steam house broke down during a cold spell and superintendent R. D. Moore hired

PRINCESS CENTER PLANS FULL WEEK

Games, Classes, Dancing On Schedule From Today Through Saturday

Games, classes and other weekly activities at the Princess Street recreation center this week will be as follows: Monday: Closed after 6 p. m.

Tuesday: Main floor, checkers and pinocle clubs, Crafts including tray painting and gimp weaving, directed by Mrs. Mary L. Bessellie; Second floor, informal dancing and games.

Wednesday: Main floor; advanced and beginner's bridge clubs with prizes for high score at each table. Mrs. Jackie Hale, instructor. Second floor, dancing and games.

Thursday: Main floor; bridge and chess clubs; Second floor square dance, Public invited.

Friday: Main floor, group meetings and informal activities. Second floor, Hemmingway Test. Age club with Mrs. Mary Bessellie in charge.

Saturday: Main floor, Rummikub club and open house; Second floor dancing and directed games.

Williamson To Speak To Wine Control Group

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 3.—The annual meeting of the North Carolina association for Wine Control will be held here tomorrow, with Carl Williamson of Raleigh, chairman of the state Alcohol Beverage Control board, listed as the principal speaker.

POPULATION TURNOVER BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The entire population of the South Orkney Islands, southernmost inhabited land in the world, is being changed—all nine persons. The islands, belonging to Argentina, are well below the Antarctic Circle and their only population is the crew of a government meteorological station. This is changed annually when a government ship takes the new crew to the islands and brings back the old one.

UNO SITE CHOICE STIRS RESIDENTS

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treat for many wealthy New York city businessmen.

Throughout the afternoon, aroused owners of estates that would be swallowed up in the international zone, gathered in small groups at private homes to discuss what, if anything, they could do to forestall loss of their land and eventual eviction.

Although Governor Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut said he was "highly pleased" that the area was a 42-mile tract of rolling countryside—was recommended and Stamford's Mayor Charles E. Moore said he was happy about the choice, on street corners, in drug stores, hotel and other public places. The site committee's recommendation was a heated topic of conversation.

One Greenwich official who declined to be quoted by name said residents of the Long Island Sound area were delighted with the news, but residents of the rolling back-ground were aroused, fearing they might lose their beautiful homes.

Clifford Wilnot, Greenwich town assessor, said "we are old Yankees up here. We believe in the constitution and we live up to it. Neither our town officials nor the property owners were consulted in any way. We made no overtures for this thing at all officially. It just doesn't seem right for them to come in here and take our homes."

Wilnot said he was compiling figures on the tax loss to the town of renech for submission to a protest meeting of the town council Tuesday night. He declined to estimate the amount involved. But other sources said the real and personal property involved had an assessed valuation of \$30,000,000.

At nearby Stamford the town council scheduled a protest meeting for Tuesday night.

STELLE DECLARES HE HAD MANDATE

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ers platform by State American Legion Commander, Miles Kennedy, Brooklyn, who called upon officers of every post to contact their Senators or Representatives

"with reference to numerous complaints that veterans are not receiving their just desserts through the negligence of the Veterans Administration. Miles added that President Truman and others may try to cover it up but those conditions do exist.

COMMITTEE PLANS TO PROBE CHARGE

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know why any officer would "cover up that message so people would not know Japan was about to commence war," Safford replied: "It is human to try to cover up a mistake."

Safford, 33, was in charge of intelligence in naval communications in 1941.

VISHINSKY REPLY EXPECTED TODAY

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debate was a new chapter in a historic fight for a dominant position in the eastern Mediterranean.

The Council's first business is to continue consideration of the Greek problem. Bevin and Constantin Rentsis, New Greek foreign minister, will have a chance to reply to any new charges Vishinsky may make.

Greece, and Russia's complaint against Britain's activity in the Netherlands East Indies, are expected to dominate the last week of the UNO assembly.

OPPENHEIM DIES AT GUERNSEY HOME

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heim managed the family business until he was 40 while writing scores of novels "on the side" before he started his full-time literary career.

Tall and striking in appearance, Oppenheim had written more than 150 novels of detection and intrigue in addition to many short stories and plays. He created such best sellers as "The Lighted Way" (1912), "The Great Prince Shan" (1922), "Murder at Monte Carlo" (1932) and "The Last Train Out" (1941).

Date of the funeral, which will be private, has not been announced.

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