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CONDUCTING TEN PROBES

U. S. Officers Try To Un- tangle Knots Tied by Ex- Convict

New York.—Still more sensa-
tional disclosures of the incredible
web of international financial in-
trigue spun by F. Donald Coster,
the wizard whose magic failed him,
were forecast Saturday with
ten investigations seeking to un-
ravel the tangled skein.

The breath-taking developments
Friday, climaxed when Coster en-
ded his two-lives-in-one by firing a
bullet into his brain, indicated the
suspected milking of the \$87-
000,000 McKesson and Robbins
drug company of \$18,000,000 in
assets was only one of his many
far-flung extra-legal activities.

Investigators pushed inquiries
into reports that Coster, really
Phillip Musica, an Italian-born
immigrant and ex-convict, had, as
head of the world's third largest
wholesale drug concern, helped
finance one South American war
and assisted in smuggling arms to
Spain in violation of the neutral-
ity act.

Adjourns Probe

So significant did this develop-
ment appear to Assistant Attorney
General Ambrose V. McCall that
he abruptly adjourned the state's
investigation until Monday in or-
der to study the case.

"The attorney general has ob-
tained information of the whole-
sale sale of arms and ammunition
which may involve living per-
sons," he said. He refused to am-
plify the statement.

The U. S. attorney's office also
disclosed it had begun an inquiry
into reports Coster had helped
finance Bolivia in its war with Pa-
raguay over the Chaco boundary
in return for a promise of a quin-
ine monopoly.

Further furor accompanied the
disclosure that papers connected
with an indictment against Coster,
Musica 18 years ago were missing
from the office of the chief clerk
of the general sessions court here.

Missing Documents

The missing documents were in-
dentured, fled against Coster,
then known under his real name
of Musica, for forging of evidence
and bribery of a witness in a mur-
der case, in 1920. The indictments
later were dismissed.

Eight other inquiries were un-
der way into the labyrinthine af-
fairs of the self-styled business tit-
an and those of his three brothers,
all connected with the drug com-
pany and each held under
\$100,000 bail.

The agencies and what they are
investigating:

1—U. S. postal authorities,
seeking to learn whether manipu-
lators of the drug company's sup-
plies had used the mails to de-
fraud.

No 'Assets' Located

2—The Securities and Exchange
Commission, which Regional Di-
rector James J. Caffrey said had
failed to locate a nickel's worth of
the \$18,000,000 "assets" in the
firm's raw drugs department.

3—The income tax division of
the Canadian revenue department
it issued writs of conservatory at-
tachment against assets of Cana-
dian affiliates of McKesson and
Robbins.

4—The U. S. Bureau of Internal
Revenue, conducting a sweeping
inquiry into the drug firm's in-
come tax payments. A shortage of
\$77,146 in income tax payments
for 1931 has been charged.

5—The alcohol unit of the U. S.
Treasury. Agents in Hartford,
Conn., are checking to uncover
possible violations of the alcohol
tax act.

Pure Food Violation

6—The U. S. Department of Ag-
riculture. An accusation that the
drug company had violated pure
food and drug laws by selling sub-
standard quinine tablets started
company officials on the inquiry
which led to Coster's downfall.

7—A New York Stock Exchange

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program
beginning Friday, Dec. 23rd:

Last Times Today (Friday) —
"Tom Sawyer, Detective," also
Latest March of Time.

Saturday — Double Feature —
3 Mesquiteers in "Overland Stage
Raiders" and Glenda Farrell in
"Torchy Bane in Panama." Also
Chap. No. 11 "Dick Tracy Re-
turns."

Xmas Eve Midnite Show—Bob
Hope and Shirley Ross in "Thanks
For The Memory."

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gels With Dirty Faces."

Tuesday—Henry Armetta and
Thomas Beck in "Road Demon."
Wednesday — Boris Karloff,
Evelyn Brent and Grant Withers
in "Mr. Wong, Detective."

Thursday-Friday—Luise Rainer,
Paulette Goddard, Alan Mar-
shall, Henry Stephenson and Lana
Turner in "Dramatic School."

TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

The TIMES is requested to
state that the stores and busi-
ness institutions will close on
Monday in observance of
Christmas, giving the proprie-
tors and clerks opportunity to
make and enjoy their Christ-
mas visits and holidays. All
persons are requested to bear
this in mind and make their
provisions.

committee, which began probing
trading in the drug firm's securi-
ties.

8—The office of district At-
torney Thomas E. Dewey. Grand
jury proceedings in New York
County were expected to follow.

As Coster, hopelessly trapped in
a web that tangled him ever deep-
er, found his solution in death, au-
thorities moved quickly against
the three brothers whom the gov-
ernment charges played varying
roles as his aides in building an
empire of swindle.

Conspiracy Charge

"George Dietrich," identified as
George Musica, was held in \$100-
000 bail in New Haven, Conn.,
charged with conspiring to violate
the securities act of 1934. He was
assistant vice president and assistant
treasurer of the drug firm.

"George Vernard," Canadian
agent of the corporation, was held
in \$100,000 bail on a similar
charge after police forced their
way into his Brooklyn home at
pistol point to arrest him. His real
name, authorities said, was Arthur
Musica.

"Robert Dietrich," Robert Musi-
ca, youngest of the brothers, also
was held in New York under
\$100,000 bail. Robert, who was
employed as purchasing agent in
the McKesson-Robbins plant at
Bridgeport, was arraigned on a
simple charge of violating the SEC
act.

Franklinton Decorates

Franklinton is enjoying its
most beautiful Christmas from
artificial lighting. Many homes
are displaying these lights inside
and out, beautiful old time Christ-
mas trees; while others are using
colored porch lights, some with
lighted wreaths on windows and
doors.

Main Street carries from end to
end colored clusters of lights and
at each end of the street is sus-
pended a Star which lends to the
attractiveness.

The billboard of a church is
lighted in colors and carries a
Christmas message and invitation.
On the public school grounds is a
live cedar in every color and
near the railway crossing stands a
live holly tree with red berries
and on this, the crossing watch-
man has entwined many lights
and electric sign reading S. A. L.
Railway.

But probably where artificial
lighting is more noticeable and
appreciated is where it has not
been before, in the rural sections.

As we drove along country roads
where a year or more ago was
barely seen the lights from ker-
osene lamps, the homes now stand
out in the darkness with bright
windows and porches, and in many
cases beautiful colored lights. We
could but think of the help-
fulness of electricity, especially on a
farm, where, washing, ironing,
milking, sweeping, etc., are taken
care of in the day and the great
blessing of light at night. We
drove by "tranquility" the coun-
try home of Mrs. Werner and mar-
veled at the decoration of the
large live cedar in front of the
great house. High in the tree is
a cross and over this a circle, all
lighted and visible from the main
line of railway and highway half
mile distant. This tree on Christ-
mas morning carries the gifts for
servants and attendants, on the
plantation who meet there and
enjoy singing the Christmas car-
ols.

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SANTA RIDES AGAIN



THE happiest season of the year for children has
again arrived and with the visit of Santa Claus
on Saturday night, the exchange of gifts and re-
membrances among the older ones, and the gen-
eral Christmas Spirit that will prevail, will trans-
form all sections from the hurry and bustle of
business into a haven of good spirit, friendly
feelings and ideal fellowship.

In this spirit, we are joined by the entire force of the FRANKLIN
TIMES, in extending to all a most Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year. It is our desire that each and every one shall have the
biggest and best time they have ever had and enjoy the greatest pros-
perity and happiness the coming year it is imaginable to have.

To the little ones especially, we hope that Old Santa Claus will
bring you all you want and that you will enjoy each and every
minute and toy.

FRANCES HEDGEPEATH WEDS WILLIAM WHITE

On Thursday, December 15,
Miss Frances Leigh Hedgepeath, of
Louisburg became the bride of
William Miles White, of Mebane.
The ceremony was performed in
the presence of relatives and near
friends at the Louisburg Baptist
Church at 5 o'clock in the evening.
The officiating minister was the
Rev. A. Paul Bagby, new pas-
tor of the church. Simple decora-
tions were used, and the church
was lighted with tall white tapers.

Brooks Fryer, of Tarboro, play-
ed the wedding music. The Wagner
"Bridal Chorus" was used as a
processional, and Mendelssohn's
"Wedding March," as the recessi-
onal. Arthur H. Fleming, Jr.,
sang "Oh, Promise Me."

The bride and bridegroom en-
tered the church together. Mrs.
White wore a duobonnet costume
suit, trimmed with fox fur. She
wore a royal-blue hat and used
matching accessories. She wore a
shorter corsage of Sweetheart
roses.

After a short wedding trip, the
couple will be at home in Mebane.
The bride is the only daughter of
Mrs. Emma Dunn Hedgepeath,
of Louisburg, formerly of Tarboro.
She received her education at
Louisburg College.

Mr. White is the son of Mrs. F.
L. White, of Mebane. He is en-
gaged in the drug business in Me-
bane.

Prosperity and peace must be just
around the corner.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Many, many years ago the
Wise Men traveled from the
Far East to find the Christ
Child. They went, baring
themselves to the sting and
wind of the desert storms—
gladly, eagerly—and braved
the unknown perils of the de-
sert night, because they fol-
lowed the Star.

May we, too go gladly, eag-
erly through the desert places,
through the sun-lit stretches,
through the storms and
through the dull gray shad-
ows of our journeyings, be-
cause we too can follow a
Star. The Star of Faith
flames radiantly, have we the
courage to look up and fol-
low it.

The Wise Men bore rich
gifts to their King, gold and
frankincense and myrrh.
At our Journey's End, may
we too, carry in our hands,
the gold of our love, for
frankincense, supreme adora-
tion and joyous service, and
for myrrh, our sorrows and
heartaches, submissively en-
dured.

MARY JOYCE BEST.

LAMM-HARRIS

The following announcement
has been made:

"Mr. and Mrs. John W. Harris
announce the marriage of their
daughter, Rosalind Devare, to Mr.
Coy Roger Lamm, on December
14th, 1938 at Raleigh, N. C.
They will be at home in Wilson
after January 1st."

The bride is the accomplished
and popular daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. John W. Harris, one of
Louisburg's popular merchants.

The groom held an important
position on the local tobacco mar-
ket this season.

DUNSTON-FULLER

The following invitations have
been issued to friends outside the
county:

"Mrs. Annie E. Fuller requests
the honor of your presence at the
marriage of her daughter, Ida
Powell, to Mr. William Edward
Dunstan, Wednesday, the twenty-
eight of December, at half after
three o'clock in the afternoon,
Corinth Baptist Church, Louis-
burg, North Carolina."

All friends of the bride-elect
and family are invited to attend
the wedding.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday morning Dr. A. Paul
Bagby spoke on the subject
"Loyalty." Loyalists are the great
need of the world. He proceeded
to give the traits of a Loyalist by
first presenting the negative side:
a Loyalist is not a diplomat, a de-
bater, a doubter or a dictator.
Then presenting the positive side
he said the Loyalist is a doer.

There will be only one service
on Sunday, Christmas Day, at
7:30 A. M. service. The pastor
will bring a message on Christ-
mas and there will be singing of
Christmas carols. The public is
cordially invited. The children
are especially urged to be present.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There will be a session of the
Church School Christmas morning
at 9:35.

There will be the celebration of
the Holy Communion and a
Christmas sermon at 11:00 A. M.
The congregation of St. Paul's
is urged to attend this beautiful
and inspiring service.

A majority not only can be wrong
but frequently is.

OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By Mueller



"See, she's doing 72 miles an hour. I'd open her up but I've got
poor tires and my brakes don't hold."

Duke Heads West For Rose Bowl Clash

TEAM GIVEN ROUSING
SEND-OFF AT STATION

Durham.—Carrying with
them the best record ever
made by a Southern football
team and with a rousing Dixie
send off ringing in their ears,
the Duke University Blue Devils
Tuesday afternoon boarded the
Blue Devil special and headed
west for their January 2 Rose
Bowl game, at Pasadena, Calif.,
against the University of South-
ern California.

The sendoff party given the
Blue Devils at the station was
said by old-timers to be one of
the most enthusiastic gather-
ings in the history of Durham.
Several Durham residents said
the crowd was fully as enthus-
iastic as that which sent the
Durham delegation off to France
to fight the war for democracy.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas at the Methodist
Church will be observed with
the usual morning services. All de-
partments of the Church School
will meet at 9:45.

The service of public worship
is at 11:00 and the Pastor, Rev.
J. G. Phillips, will preach on the
topic, "The Greatest of These."
There will not be any evening ser-
vices on this Christmas Sunday.

Attention is called to the ap-
pearance of the church on these
evenings before Christmas. A
spot light has been placed behind
the stained glass windows next to
Main Street and the effect adds
to the "Christmas appearance" of
the town.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

A group of young people will
meet at the Methodist Church at
7:00 P. M. on this Friday and pro-
ceed to sing Christmas carols at
various places in and near town.
The young people in other church-
es where no conflicting plans have
been made are invited to meet also
for this hour of singing.

WARRENTON MAN HELD FOR KIDNAPPING

Richmond, Va.—Albert New-
some Moore, of Warrenton, N. C.,
was held in default of \$5,000
bond by federal authorities fol-
lowing a hearing Saturday before
United States Commissioner Mal-
vin Flegenheimer on a charge of
kidnaping.

Moore was arrested six miles
north of Richmond by State Troop-
ers O. N. Lohr and R. A. Faison
and charged with kidnaping David
W. Johnson, 26-year-old Raleigh,
North Carolina, cab driver.

Johnson testified before Com-
missioner Flegenheimer that a
Moore entered his cab at Raleigh
Friday night and asked to be driv-
en a quarter of a mile south of
Raleigh. Johnson said he was
then forced at the point of a gun
to drive to the spot on Route 1
near here where the troopers ap-
peared when, Johnson stopped
the machine on the roadside for a
rest.

Moore said he had been drink-
ing and denied any knowledge of
what went on during the night.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Doris Jeanne Strange en-
tertained a number of her friends
and other guests on her eleventh
birthday at the home of her moth-
er, Mrs. Royal Strange, near
Louisburg.

Christmas decorations and other
mofifs of the Christmas season
was carried out.

Games and contests were play-
ed, after which dainty refresh-
ments of the Christmas style was
served by Mrs. Strange, assisted
by Mrs. Joe Incoe and Mrs. P. E.
Dean to the following: Her teach-
ers of the first and seventh grade
of Mills School, and her music
teachers, Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro and
Miss Mary Finch, of Louisburg
College, Miss Peyatt, expression
teacher of the college, and Misses
Wilma Murphy, Malsie Patterson,
of Chapel Hill, Alberta Davis,
Loula Jarman, Mrs. Susie Jack-
son, Mrs. Uzzell, Mrs. A. B. In-
coe, Mrs. R. G. Bailey, and Miss
Ruth Hunter, of Chapel Hill, Beth
Beasley, Sarah Hardwick, Kitty Jo
Beasley, Talmadge, Thoma s,
Louise Ellis Webb, Janie Perry,
Sarah Bailey, Rachel Bailey, Ann
Strickland, Betsy Tollison, Nell
Perry, Jane Strange, Betsy Leon-
ard, Doris Strange and Martha
Rae Matthews.

Each left wishing Jeane many
more happy birthdays.

GETS SLOT MACHINES

Several Federal or State offi-
cers have been in Louisburg this
week confiscating slot machines
and punch boards. It is under-
stood quite a number of confisca-
tions have been made.

Franklin Recorder's Court tried
a number of cases Tuesday and
continued a number. It was an-
nounced there would be no ses-
sion of Recorder's Court next
Tuesday. The docket was dis-
posed of as follows:

Garland Mitchell was found
guilty of removing crops and given
90 days on roads, suspended
upon payment of \$5 fine and costs.
Ernest Tharpe, slander, nolite
pross with leave.

Jerry Lee Bumpas plead nolo
contendere to unlawful posses-
sion of whiskey for sale, and was
given 6 months on roads, execu-
tion not to issue upon payment of
\$25 fine and costs and to remain
of good behavior for 12 months.

Roy Brodie was found guilty of
larceny and was given 60 days on
roads, execution not to issue upon
payment of \$5 fine and costs.

Zollie Parrish plead guilty to
unlawful possession of whiskey
and was given 60 days on roads,
not to issue upon payment of
costs.

Semp Woodruff plead guilty to
assault with deadly weapon, and
was given 6 months on roads.

Sally Ann Hale was found guilty
of violating prohibition law,
given from one to three years on
Industrial Farm Colony at Kin-
ston.

The following cases were con-
tinued:

Shorty Moore, operating auto-
mobile intoxicated.

Jack Collins, carrying conceal-
ed weapons.

Willie Dunston, assault with
deadly weapons.

Lemuel Clifton, damage to real
property.

Allen Dunston, violating auto-
mobile law, carrying concealed
weapons.

J. J. Jackson, carrying conceal-
ed weapons.

Vernon Robertson, operating
automobile intoxicated.

Richard Kearney, trespass.

Sam Taylor, interfering with
an officer, drunk, assault.

Douglas Harris, carrying con-
cealed weapons.

Raymond Philpot, unlawful pos-
session of whiskey for sale.

BUFFET SUPPER

Mrs. Emma Hedgepeath, mother
of the bride, entertained the mem-
bers of the White-Hedgepeath
bridal party and out of town guests
following the wedding ceremony
on Thursday of last week at a
buffet supper. The following were
present: Mr. and Mrs. William
Miles White, bridal couple, Mr.
and Mrs. D. J. Gooch, of Oxford,
Mrs. J. W. Gilliam, of Sanford, and
Mrs. Tell Loyd, of Tarboro, all
aunts of the bride, Mrs. Harry
Darrymple, of Raleigh, Mrs.
Della F. Baxter, of Warrenton,
Mr. Steve Forrest, of Efland, Mr.
R. B. Crowder, of Raleigh, Mr.
Brooks Fryer, of Tarboro, Mr. and
Mrs. C. A. Ragland, Jr., of Mr.
Ed Stovall, Arthur Fleming,
Jr., and Mrs. Hedgepeath.

COMETS UNDEFEATED

The Louisburg Comets, indepen-
dent basketball quint undefeated
for the season, won their fifth
straight victory of the season by
defeating Franklinton CCC by a
score of 42-12. Harker was high
scorer for Louisburg with 19
points. Matthews was high scor-
er for Franklinton CCC with 6
points. In previous games Louis-
burg has defeated Rocky Mount
Y 25-16, Castalia twice by scores
of 34-23 and 46-18.

CONGRESS TO DRAFT OWN BILLS HEREAFTER

Reported That President Has
Abolished Departmental Draft-
ing of Laws

Washington, Dec. 21.—A sys-
tem under which "Brain Trust-
ers," such as Thomas Corcoran
and Benjamin Cohen, have fre-
quently drafted major legislation
for Congress appeared to have
been abolished.

It was reported in informed
quarters that President Roosevelt
had passed the word that no ad-
ministrative department should
draft legislation for submission to
Capitol Hill.

A "definite policy" of leaving
the task of drawing up legislation
to congressional committees has
now been adopted, certain con-
gressional leaders said.