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A. P. SPELL SHOT AND DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED

Clarence Trawick of Blenheim, S. C., Sends Bullet Through Red Springs Man Without Provocation.

SHOOTING FOLLOWED AUTO COLLISION

While Spell and Herbert Culbreth were discussing damages amicably, Trawick pulled pistol and shot Spell. Occurred on Red Springs-Lumberton Road Yesterday—Trawick is in Jail.

IT IS THOUGHT MR. SPELL WILL RECOVER

Mr. A. P. Spell, an attorney of Red Springs, was shot and dangerously wounded by Clarence Trawick of Blenheim, S. C., about 6:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The shooting took place about 7 miles from Lumberton on the Red Springs road and Mr. Spell was rushed to the Thompson hospital. His condition today is reported as favorable and it is thought he will recover unless some complication sets in.

The shooting followed the collision of a Dodge auto driven by Mr. Spell and a Chevrolet in which Trawick was riding, driven by Mr. Herbert Culbreth. Both Trawick and Culbreth were drinking, it is said. After the collision Mr. Spell and Mr. Culbreth were discussing the collision in a friendly manner. Mr. Culbreth agreeing to pay the damages to Mr. Spell's car. Trawick was sitting in the car owned by him and driven by Mr. Culbreth. He began cursing, according to eye witnesses, and stated that there would be no damages to pay. He walked near Mr. Spell and fired a bullet from a S. & W. 32 calibre into Mr. Spell from close range. The bullet entered Mr. Spell a few inches below his heart and was removed from his back after he reached the hospital. As soon as Trawick fired the shot Culbreth took the pistol from him and then Mr. Frank Holloway, who drove up about the time the shooting took place, took the gun from Culbreth.

Mr. Spell was out riding with his two children when he met the car driven by Culbreth. Both cars were badly damaged. Mr. Culbreth acted in a gentlemanly manner, according to Mr. W. C. Reynolds of Lumberton, who happened along just after the accident and was present when Mr. Spell was shot. Mr. Reynolds had his family along and Mr. Culbreth tried to get Trawick to stop cursing, telling him there were ladies in Mr. Reynolds' car. Trawick kept cursing, but Mr. Spell had not spoken to him when he fired the shot, according to Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Culbreth's face was badly lacerated from coming in contact with a broken windshield, resulting from the collision. He came to Lumberton and his wounds were dressed by Dr. J. A. Martin, five stitches being used in his face. He was placed under arrest by Sheriff R. E. Lewis after he reached Lumberton and was later released under a \$200 bond.

After the shooting Trawick went to the home of Mr. N. C. Stubbs at Hunter's Lodge, where he and his family were visiting. He was arrested early last night by Sheriff Lewis and is in jail here. Trawick and his family went to the Stubbs home yesterday and in the afternoon he and Culbreth left in his car. Mrs. Trawick, who is the mother of a young baby, was very nervous when advised of what had taken place. Dr. T. C. Johnson was called and rendered medical attention when her husband was brought away by the officers.

Trawick and Culbreth are both young men. There were two negroes on the car driven by Culbreth, but their names have not been learned.

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

Senator Stacy Returns Home—Many Bills Passed During 17-Days' Session—Road Bonds Bill Failed to Pass.

The special session of the Legislature adjourned Thursday at 2:30 p. m. and State Senator H. E. Stacy arrived home Thursday night. Representative J. S. Oliver of Marietta accompanied Senator Stacy, while Representative G. B. Sellers of Maxton went from Raleigh to Blowing Rock to join his family.

No local bills were introduced either in the House or the Senate except those already mentioned in The Robesonian. All the local bills introduced in both houses were passed except the bill introduced by Senator Stacy, providing that the county commissioners issue bonds for the five townships in Robeson that have not already voted bonds for building roads, this bill failing to pass.

Just before adjourning an act was passed providing machinery whereby the women of North Carolina can register and vote in the November election.

Much work was done during the special session of 17 days, more than 500 bills having been passed.

NUDE DEAD BODY FOUND IN WOODS

J. M. Butler, Who Lived Near Boardman, Escaped From State Hospital Recently and His Body Was Found in Woods Near Wendell.

Norfolk, Aug. 20.—While hunting in the woods near Wendell, N. C., Saturday p. m. Mr. James R. Smith and Landon Dowd came on the form of a man nude of clothing laying upon a large rock dead. Mr. Smith immediately summoned the neighbors around, and search was made to identify the body of the dead man. Some pieces of clothing were found about fifty yards from where the man was lying, that contained a love letter addressed to J. M. Butler at the insane asylum, Raleigh, N. C. It was learned at the insane asylum that a man by that name escaped there some time ago and was never heard from, whose home was in Lumberton, N. C. Mr. Butler was committed to the insane asylum over a year ago, he served through the world war as a naval radio electrician. His guardians, Messrs. Johnson & Johnson of Lumberton, have been notified of his death.

BEE DEMONSTRATIONS.

Pure Golden Italian Bees Will Be Introduced in Robeson This Week—Where Demonstrations Will Be Given.

Mr. C. L. Sams, bee specialist, in company with Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, will introduce 40 pure Golden Italian queen bees in Robeson this week. The demonstrations will begin at Rowland Thursday, September 2. From Rowland Messrs. Sams and Dukes will go to McDonald, Elrod, Red Springs, St. Pauls and Lumberton. All these points may not be reached Thursday, but the tour will be continued until the work is completed.

Demonstrations will be given at the homes of:

R. H. Boswell, D. J. Watson, J. Lytch, Dr. C. H. Lennon, C. Miller, Scott Stone, T. W. Bullock, J. A. McRae, Miss Katie Buie, J. R. Poole, J. Browne Evans.

NEGROES CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Dispute Over Garage Bill at Rowland Results in Attack Upon Messrs. Don McLeod and Norman Cobb.

Roosevelt and Cyrus McCullum, negroes, were arrested Friday night at Rowland and brought to jail here charged with assault upon Messrs. Don McLeod and Norman Cobb, both of Rowland. Mr. McLeod was cut on the left arm by one of the negroes and Mr. Cobb's clothes were slashed with a knife in the hands of one of the negroes, it is said. The trouble grew out of an argument about a charge for some oil and work done on an auto belonging to the negroes. The negroes were released Saturday under a \$1,500 bond.

E. C. DUNCAN PASSES.

E. C. Duncan, former Republican national committeeman from North Carolina, banker and former member of the North Carolina Legislature, died at Beaufort yesterday after an illness of some months from cancer of the stomach. He was 58 years old.

Where Community Pictures Will Be Shown.

Meeting places for community service for the week beginning Monday, August 30:

Rennett Monday night, Aug. 30. Orrum Tuesday night, Aug. 31. Rex Wednesday night, Sept. 1st. Back Swamp Thursday night, Sept. 2nd.

Parkton Friday night, Sept. 3rd. Pembroke Normal (Ind.) Sept. 4.

M. N. FOLGER, Director Community Service Robeson County.

Anna Graham, Indian.

Anna Graham, Indian, aged 26 years, died Saturday afternoon at her home, near Back Swamp. Deceased is survived by her husband and three children.

Recorder and Mrs. E. M. Britt and two children and Miss Bettie Britt and Mr. James King left Thursday for Marion, this State, where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mrs. V. E. Fountain of Leggett's, Edgecombe county, arrived Friday and will spend a week here and at Ten Mile visiting relatives.

Mr. F. D. Hackett spent Saturday in Fayetteville on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McLeod of Buie were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack McArthur and two children of the Philadelphia section were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Messrs. T. C. Barnes and Clarence Moore returned Saturday from Darlington, S. C., where they spent a few days on business.

Mr. L. R. Varner and daughter, Miss Lillie Snead Varner, returned today from Culpepper, Va. Miss Varner spent some time at Culpepper visiting relatives. Mr. Varner went to Culpepper Saturday to accompany his daughter home.

REPUBLICAN CONSPIRACY TO BUY PRESIDENCY

Governor Cox Presents Information to Support His Charge.

QUOTAS IMPOSED ON 51 PRINCIPAL CITIES

Democratic Nominee Says Names of Local Subscribers to \$15,000,000 Republican Campaign Fund Were Ordered Kept Secret.

Information to support his charges that a Republican campaign fund exceeding \$15,000,000 was being raised "in a conspiracy to buy the presidency" was presented by Governor Cox, of Ohio, Democratic presidential nominee, in addressing a public meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 26. A dispatch from Pittsburgh says: Governor Cox's data consisted almost entirely of matter taken from the official bulletin of Fred W. Upham, of Chicago, treasurer of the Republican national committee, but his chief exhibit was a typewritten list purporting to show Republican campaign quotas imposed on 51 principal cities in 27 States and aggregating \$8,145,000.

Names of local subscribers, Governor Cox said, were ordered kept secret. These quotas, given as \$2,000,000 for New York city, \$750,000 for Chicago, \$500,000 for Philadelphia and ranging down to \$25,000 for smaller cities like Atlanta, Ga., were said by Governor Cox to have been announced about the middle of July.

That Senator Harding, his Republican opponent, "was acquainted with the details" of the quota plan and that it was also approved by Will H. Hayes, chairman of the Republican national committee, was charged by the Democratic candidate.

From subsequent issues of the official bulletin, Governor Cox quoted many reports from Republican workers throughout the country, reporting going "over the top" and in excess of the alleged quotas.

Announcement of the \$8,145,000 metropolitan quotas, Governor Cox said, was made by Harry M. Blair, assistant to Treasurer Upham. A meeting was held in Chicago, Governor Cox said at which Will H. Hayes, chairman of the Republican national committee, "spoke his blessings."

The Governor charged that typewritten sheets bearing 51 cities' quotas were "distributed to those assembled" and he produced one of the alleged quota lists; but did not state how it was acquired.

That the reputed attempt to raise \$8,145,000 from 51 cities in 27 of the 48 States is fair evidence that the total national fund will be much larger was declared by Governor Cox, who said big business men were prominent on the Republican ways and means committee and that the raising of funds was on a business "salesmanship" basis.

Governor Cox also quoted from statements in the Republican bulletin that state and county organizations were not to be disturbed or retarded in their activities.

Back to Mark Hanna Days.

Governor Cox, standing staunchly by his charges that an attempt to purchase the presidency was being made, declared that "the senatorial oligarchy and their friends are harking back to the days of Mark Hanna," stating that in the 1896 campaign, which Mr. Hanna managed, \$16,500,000 was spent.

"It was this foul thing," said Governor Cox, "which Theodore Roosevelt brought to an end when he reformed the Republican party. When he was doing it, Warren G. Harding branded him as an 'Aaron Burr.'"

"I charge again an assault on the electorate," said Governor Cox. "It can't be hidden; the hosts are marshalled; the money ammunition is prepared, but it will not succeed. The net is spread in sight of the quarry."

The typewritten list of cities and quotas presented by Governor Cox included:

Official quotas: New York city \$2,000,000; Chicago, \$750,000; Philadelphia, \$500,000; Detroit, \$450,000; Pittsburgh, \$400,000; Cleveland, \$400,000; Boston, \$300,000; Cincinnati, \$250,000; St. Louis, \$250,000; San Francisco, \$150,000; Minneapolis, \$100,000; Providence, \$100,000; Newark, \$100,000; Akron, \$80,000; Milwaukee, \$75,000; Dayton, \$60,000; Baltimore, \$50,000; New Orleans, \$50,000; Denver, \$50,000; New Haven, \$50,000; Washington, \$50,000; Louisville, \$50,000; Birmingham, \$50,000; Atlanta, \$25,000; Memphis, \$25,000.

Governor Cox added that he "intended to pass this evidence" to the Senate campaign investigating committee.

On the question of keeping secret all local subscriptions, Governor Cox quoted from the official bulletin of August 16 as follows: "The names and amounts subscribed by local donors should not be made public locally."

Why Keep Them Secret?

"I hereby give it wide and non-exclusive publicity," Governor Cox continued. "Why were the names of local contributors not to be made known? Was it because each contribution would carry its own meaning to the voters in the local communities? Certainly there is some reason. What is it? The public is entitled to know."

"If Mr. Hays and Mr. Upham do

RESERVE BOARD APPROVES COTTON CORPORATION

Central Europe Wants Cotton But Cannot Pay Cash—It Is Up to Producers.

Formation of the cotton export corporation by the American cotton association is warmly approved by Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve board. In a telegram to President J. S. Wannamaker of the A. C. association Mr. Harding said that it is impossible for mills in Central Europe to take the amount of cotton they need unless 9-months' credits are provided. These mills will be able to pay for raw cotton furnished them as soon as manufactured and sold. Central Europe has the spinning and weaving capacity, the mills and the labor, but lacks raw material.

"If a corporation could be formed under the Edge act," says Mr. Harding, "taking cotton in payment for the stock, there could be opportunity for direct dealings between southern producers and European mills. A movement of this kind would put new life in the market, for it would stimulate buying by domestic and British mills."

Calamity talk can only lead to further depression but Mr. Harding believes the cotton situation can be saved "if there is injected a get-together spirit of courage, self-reliance and determination."

Drainage Districts Get 20 Per Cent Reduction.

A 20 per cent reduction in the assessed value of land in the Back and Jacob Swamp drainage districts has been made by the State tax commission. State Senator H. E. Stacy and Representatives G. B. Sellers, and J. S. Oliver went before the commission and asked that the reduction be made.

not come forward with the information, the Republican national committee ought to remove them both. Furthermore, there should be some explanation of this being made purely a business affair, participated in by business men and business men only. Unexplained, it carries its own condemnation and exposes the purpose of the whole shameful business. It means that the quota is to be assessed against those who are to benefit, and that the captains of industry who have answered Mr. Hays' roll-call are submitting to taxation with the understanding that they will have representation."

Quoting from a "message" written by Senator Harding, the Republican nominee, in the official bulletin of August 5, Governor Cox said that Senator Harding expressed his gratitude for "the enthusiasm shown" in raising the campaign fund.

Harding Acquainted. "That Mr. Harding is acquainted even with the details of the enterprise" is evidenced by a subsequent passage, said Governor Cox, "which is as follows: 'Through the fine work of your organization, we are nearing that point of political patriotism which expresses itself in support from every county, every state. I want all members of your organization to feel that their efforts are essential to our success in planning for national enlightenment and deeply appreciated by me.'"

In addition to his statement on Republican finances, Governor Cox touched upon industrial problems. "The 'normalcy' voiced by their candidate as envisioned by his masters," said Governor Cox in this connection, referring to Senator Harding, "is bayonets at the factory door, unrestrained profiteering at the gates of the farm, the burden of government on shoulders other than their own, and the Federal reserve system an annex to big business. When the American people fully grasp the sinister menace hanging over them they will shun it as a plague."

Began With Newberry. Returning to the campaign fund question, Governor Cox reminded his audience in order, he said, to reach a proper understanding, that recent contributions of large sums by business interests began in the case of Senator Newberry, of Michigan.

Senator Newberry, the candidate continued, was convicted in a republican state and community, before a Republican judge, grand and petit juries. "One would have thought," said the speaker, "that this experience would have had its restraining influence on subsequent events, but the resolve of certain interests to take over the affairs of our government amounts apparently to a mania. Unaffected by the Newberry episode, money was spent after it had been collected from business interests in the pre-convention campaign, such sums that the whole country was shocked by the scandal."

The Newberry lesson was repeated by the interests behind presidential candidates in the spring and early summer of 1920, and the admonition which the multiplied circumstances of the very recent past would ordinarily carry to the normal mind is insufficient to stay the hand of greed, of conspiracy and corruption, which it is now my duty to expose."

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CUT IN FUNDS CRIPPLES WORK OF DEPARTMENT

Secretary Meredith Tells Farmers How Reduction in Appropriations Will Curtail Activities—Department Makes High Profit for the People—Brooks Urges Consolidated Schools.

The following is taken from the Raleigh News and Observer of August 26:

Declaring that the United States Department of Agriculture makes for the people of the United States a profit of several times a thousand per cent on the money invested therein, Hon. Edwin T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture last night told the Farmers State Convention that the reduction in the department's appropriation by the Republican Congress will seriously hamper the efforts of the department to aid the farmers in the United States and will directly result in a drastic curtailment of cooperative activities in North Carolina.

Secretary Meredith spoke before a crowd of farm men and farm women that filled Pullen Memorial hall at State college, a good part of the 854 delegates to the convention who have thus far registered at the convention headquarters. He was preceded on the program last night by Herbert W. Collingwood, editor of the Rural New Yorker, who discussed nationwide problems of the farmers, assuring his hearers that no man can expect to live on the farm as he lived before the war, and that the next forty years will see radical developments in farming and farm methods.

The trouble with the farmer today he said, is that he is getting a thirty five cent dollar. He explained this with an outlay of thread, cloth, peanuts, tobacco, which he exhibited at their market value, quoting at the same time, the almost ridiculous price, by comparison, which these same products brought to the farmer in their raw state.

Secretary Meredith, presented by Dr. Clarence Poe, president of the convention, gave in some detail a report of the activities of the United States Department of Agriculture, described its functions and its results, and spoke for its workers a greater measure of co-operation and encouragement.

Strange Business. "Considering the Department of Agriculture as a business proposition paying 1,000 per cent on its investment, can you imagine the boards of directors of such an organization—in this case the Congress of the United States—failing not only to support it with more funds but actually reducing its appropriation for the next fiscal year by approximately \$6,000,000 less than the estimate made by the department as to its needs, and \$2,185,000 less than the amount provided in the appropriation for the current fiscal year," the Secretary asked.

"Although the effect of the reduced funds on the work of the department was laid fully before Congress while the bill was under consideration, this serious reduction has been made apparently on the ground of economy," he continued. "I do not believe it is economy, however, because it will certainly hamper the department in its efforts to aid the farmers of the country in doing their work of feeding and clothing the people, and will also handicap the department in administering some of the important regulatory laws entrusted to it for enforcement. The projects or activities to be curtailed or discontinued in so far as the department has any discretion in the matter have been determined only after a very thorough and careful view of the whole situation, taking all the factors into consideration."

In detail, Secretary Meredith pointed out how North Carolina will be effected by the cut in funds.

Deprecates Criticism. He commented on the remarkable progress of North Carolina in Agriculture, stressed the efficiency of United States Department of Agriculture workers, and deprecated published criticisms of the departmental work and characterization of it as a sinecure. Eight thousand men and women quit the department in 1919, he said, and not one of them left under pressure. But they left, he insisted, to accept positions which averaged increases of fifty per cent in salary. "There are instances he declared, in which the increases ran as high as five hundred per cent."

"Now, there are instances of inefficiency, no doubt, in every department of the government, just as there are in other businesses, but why should we—the stockholders—get into the habit of emphasizing the very small items of inefficiency and overlooking the general result," the Secretary asked. "It is well to emphasize small inefficiencies and there is nothing wrong in that, but it is wrong to advertise them as a means of advertising for our government."

"And that, after all, is exactly the point—our government. It is not the government of any class. The Department of Agriculture—the branch of our government to which I am

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. J. M. Terry went today to Wilmington, where he will consult an eye specialist.

—Mr. W. I. Linkhaw left Saturday for St. Louis, Mo., to buy mules for his sales stables.

—Twenty per cent will be added to all privilege tax not paid by September 1—Wednesday.

—Mr. W. O. Bullard will go tomorrow to Raleigh, where he will enter King's business college.

—Robeson chapter U. D. C. will meet in the municipal building Thursday of this week at 4:30 p. m.

—Mr. R. E. Thompson, carrier on route 4, is taking his annual vacation. He is being relieved by Mr. J. B. Meares.

—Special communication St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Work in Fellowcraft degree.

—Miss Gannelle Barnes left yesterday for Cary, Wake county, where she will be at the head of the music department of the Cary high school.

—The Back Swamp community club will meet with Mrs. Will Miller Wednesday afternoon of this week at 3 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

—Mrs. John T. Biggs and five children returned Friday from Durham after spending a week with Mrs. Biggs' sister. They made the trip in their car.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Woodie Rice and Bertie McCreer; Raymond Hardin and Nola Milligan; Needham Earl Bedfield and Myra Hilburn.

—Messdames Bertha M. Singletary and M. M. Singletary of the Back Swamp section returned Friday from Raleigh, where they attended the Farmers' Convention.

—Mrs. Cora McNeill returned yesterday from Fayetteville, where she spent two weeks undergoing treatment at the Highsmith hospital. Her condition is favorable.

—Miss Hazel Robeson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robeson, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital Thursday. Her condition is favorable.

—Chief of Police D. M. Barker returned last evening from Wilmington, where he spent a week's vacation. He was relieved by Night Policeman J. B. Boyle while he was away.

—Miss Cora C. Collins arrived yesterday from New York and will be with Miss Josephine Breese again this season. Miss Breese will have her millinery opening September 9th and 10th.

—Snowdy McKinnon and Luther Bell, a colored couple from the St. Pauls section, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd here Saturday at 12:30 of the clock. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated.

—Messrs. I. L. McGill, Raymond Musselwhite and W. B. Ivey were elected delegates to the State convention of the American Legion, which meets in Wilmington Thursday and Friday, at a meeting of the Lumberton post Thursday evening.

—A Chalmers sedan belonging to Mr. L. C. Townsend was damaged considerably yesterday when struck by a Reo driven by Mr. Ben Floyd. The cars met on the Elizabethtown road some four miles from town. The Reo was also slightly damaged.

—Mr. Sam Pappas has sold his interest in the Olympia cafe to Mr. E. J. Paris, who already owned half interest. Mr. Pappas will leave Wednesday for Philadelphia, where he will spend a few days, and will sail from New York on September 8 for Europe. He will visit relatives in Lumberton next summer. He has made his home here for five years.

—Mrs. F. P. Gray and small daughter, Mary Isabel, returned Saturday night from Columbia, S. C., where Thursday they attended the marriage of Mrs. Gray's sister, Miss Louise Breton, to Mr. Cooper Harris of Columbia. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Gray's niece, Miss Louise Allen of Troy, this State, who will spend a week here visiting at the Gray home, First and Walnut streets.

—Eighty-five of the ninety-eight applicants for license to practice law passed successfully the examination last Monday, according to the report made public Friday by the Supreme court. The names of three Robesonians appear in the list of successful applicants. These are Messrs. Hector Clifton Blackwell of R. 7, Lumberton, Robert Allen McIntyre of Lumberton and Benjamin Augustus McDonald of Parkton.

—Mr. N. A. Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, returned home Friday from Raleigh, where he attend the State Farmers' Convention. Mr. Kinlaw was favorably impressed with the meeting. He stated that while the attendance from Robeson was small, Robesonians from the State as a whole was the largest in the history of the convention. He says the farmers of the State are under obligations to Dr. Clarence Poe and his co-workers for the interest they are taking in the things that tend to better the conditions of rural life.

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