

PHYSICIAN KILLS CHIEF OF POLICE OF THOMASVILLE

Dr. J. W. Peacock Claims Officer Responsible For Burning Of Garage HE WILL LIKELY PLEAD TEMPORARY INSANITY

Lexington, April 16.—J. E. Taylor, Chief of Police of Thomasville, was shot and killed on a principal street of that city about 9:30 o'clock this morning by Dr. J. W. Peacock, well known physician and former city councilman of Thomasville. Two shots were fired from Dr. Peacock's office in the second story of the Finch Building and struck Taylor, who was standing on the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. Taylor ran into Peacock's grocery store, a few feet from where he was standing.

Dr. Peacock left his office crossed the street, entered the front of the store and fired at least four more shots. Two pistol shots took effect, according to Coroner Frank Hulme, who ascribed death to one of these. Either a stray bullet or one of the bullets that passed through Taylor's body wounded Henry Shaver, who was in the act of supporting the wounded man. Shaver's intestines were pierced and he was reported late today to be in desperate condition at a High Point hospital, where he was carried following the shooting. Dr. Peacock was brought to jail here by Thomasville Police.

According to officers he freely admitted the killing and claimed that he had reason to believe that Taylor murdered his barn and two automobiles between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. In this fire Dr. Peacock was painfully lacerated about the head, hand and foot, but did not receive treatment until after being brought here. He is also quoted as saying that Taylor had threatened to destroy his home if he did not secure investigation of the officer's record.

The law firms of Raper and Raper, Walter, Walker and Walter, J. K. McCrary and Wade H. Phillips have been retained in Dr. Peacock's defense. It was indicated by counsel late today that temporary insanity would be pleaded in extenuation of Dr. Peacock's act. Dr. Peacock used a shot gun loaded with No. 4 buck shot for the two shots fired from his office window at the officer. The shots fired in Peacock's store were from a German Luger pistol, according to evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest. Two of the shots from the pistol were fired after Taylor had fallen dying on the floor it is stated. One of these penetrated the head and entered the floor. Two shots passed entirely through the body and a fourth shot also entered the head beside the bridge of the nose.

Two weeks ago Dr. Peacock, who was a member of the town council of Thomasville, is alleged to have preferred charges of irregularities against Taylor, who had been police chief for about a year. Two members voted to discharge, two to retain the officer, and the fifth refused to vote either way and Mayor J. C. Green broke the tie in favor of the officer. Claim Officer Made Threat Dr. Peacock handed in his resignation from the council the next morning. According to several citizens of Thomasville this morning, Chief Taylor is alleged to have made the remark to several people that unless Dr. Peacock let up on him he would take action to wreck the Doctor's home. Counsel for the prisoner quote Dr. Peacock as declaring he received such messages. It is alleged that Taylor was seen to pass the Peacock home slowly about 6 o'clock yesterday evening and to appear to be inspecting the premises. The officer was also seen in the vicinity of the Peacock home later in the evening. Officer D. E. Lamb, who at the request of the prisoner took measurements of tracks leading through plowed ground from the rear of the burned building, stated this morning that he and the chief made a raid about midnight and returned to town together about 7 o'clock this morning, when the party dispersed. What direct evidence, if any, exists in this regard has not been disclosed. A number of prominent citizens of Thomasville were inclined to scout the idea that the officer had anything to do with the burning of the barn. Chief Taylor's methods of law enforcement and his record as an officer and man had been under fire for a number of weeks at Thomasville. Several weeks ago he knocked down the City Attorney, E. B. Wilson on a principal street of this town following some words between the two in regard to embarrassing questions asked the officer on the witness stand at court here by an attorney of this city. Citizens Sacked Up Officer. At that time an effort was made to have the officer discharged, but a petition signed by over 500 citizens was presented to council and no action was taken. Investigation continued, however, it is said, and during the past week or two days a great deal of feeling has been reported on account of the state of affairs. Taylor is said to have been a native of Wilkes county and served four years in the Navy. Following this he was on the Winston-Salem police force for about a year and then went to Thomasville, where he had headed the police force for a year. He was a powerful man physically. He was about 35 years old and married but had no children. Dr. Peacock, who is a native of Stanley county, has been practicing in Thomasville for 15 years. For a number of years he was prominent in county politics, having been chairman of the

NOTED TENOR FAST RECOVERING



First picture taken of Enrico Caruso, world-famous grand opera tenor, since his recent serious illness. The photograph was snapped by Mrs. Caruso on April 5 at the Caruso home in New York, where the great singer is fast recovering his health. For several days his condition was so critical that his life was feared.

Big Legislative Program Faces Congress This Week

House Passes Emergency Tariff Bill in First Week of Extra Session

COLOMBIAN TREATY TO BE VOTED ON WEDNESDAY

Immigration To Come Up Next In House; Knox Resolution in Senate

Washington, April 16.—In the first week of the extra session of Congress, the House passed the emergency tariff bill, while the Senate discussed the Colombian treaty, under agreement to vote Wednesday on the question of ratification. Leaders declared it would be ratified by a margin of half a dozen votes. Delayed somewhat by lack of committee organization, the big legislative program will be taken up with a rush next week, with the immigration bill, as voted by Mr. Wilson, having right of way in the House.

The Knox peace resolution and the emergency tariff are awaiting consideration by the Senate. The Knox measure is to be taken up Wednesday by the foreign relations committee with plans for an immediate report. Chairman Lodge said today he hoped to begin debate late next week, probably after settlement of the dispute over committee reorganization. Long discussion of the Knox resolution is not anticipated by Senate leaders. A number of Democratic Senators are expected to vote for it. The emergency tariff bill is to be taken up Monday by the Senate finance committee, which will begin limited hearings Tuesday. Chairman Penrose believes it will be impossible, however, to report the bill to the Senate until late in the week. After passing the immigration bill the House will begin work on the army and navy bills. Estimates by Secretary Weeks for an army of 175,000 are to be transmitted Monday to Chairman Good of the appropriations committee. The Senate judiciary committee will meet Monday for organization and is expected to consider the question of loans to the allies. Abstracts of documents submitted to the committee by former Secretary Houston, containing all information regarding allied commitments and advances, are ready for the committee's consideration. The Senate was in session only an hour today and the House had an off day.

HARVEY AND HERRICK NAMED AMBASSADORS

Washington, April 16.—Nominations of George Harvey of New York to be ambassador to Great Britain and Myron T. Herrick of Ohio to be ambassador to France were confirmed today by the Senate. Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, voiced objection to Mr. Harvey's confirmation and was reported to have questioned his qualifications. It was said also that Mr. Harrison asked whether criticism of former President Wilson and the Wilson administration was a factor in Mr. Harvey's selection. Six Democrats voted for Colonel Harvey. They were Ashurst of Arizona, Kendrick of Wyoming, Pomeroy of Ohio, Walsh of Massachusetts and Watson of Georgia, Myers of Montana. One Republican, Senator Norris of Nebraska, voted against confirmation. It was said there was no roll call on confirmation of Mr. Herrick's nomination.

SKULL OF MURDERED MAN IS UPHOLD AS EVIDENCE

Tallahassee, Fla., April 16.—The submission as evidence of the skull of a murdered man at the trial of the person accused of murdering him is proper, according to a decision handed down by the State Supreme court today, in the case of Bernice E. Larson, plaintiff, vs. the State of Florida, defendant, Leon County.

NO APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER MADE BY HARDING

Numerous Applicants For Head Of Internal Revenue "All Up In The Air"

ANOTHER CONFERENCE WITH MELLON MONDAY

Two Blair's Running Neck and Neck But Neither Of Them Near The Top; "Drys" May Concentrate Fight To Secure Prohibition Enforcement Chief

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON. (By Special Lensed Wire.) Washington, April 16.—The numerous applicants for the position of commissioner of Internal Revenue are all up in the air as to whether or not there is to be a business man or a politician who will pull down the job. An appointment was expected today, but the latest word is that after a conference today between the President and Secretary Mellon the matter goes over till Monday. And as to the possible winner the reports of one hour over lap the next with contradiction.

PRESENT GIFT TO FORMER NAVY HEAD

Philadelphia Delegation Gives Former Secretary Daniels Handsome Clock

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON. (By Special Lensed Wire.) Washington, April 16.—Former Secretary of the Navy Daniels was here today in a speech-making trip west and south in aid of the educational "drive" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the fact that it had been known that he was to spend four or five hours here gave opportunity for some men who hold him in highest esteem to spring a "surprise party" on him, and they did it in great shape. The surprise that came to the former head of the Navy was in the presentation to him of the handsome lacquered brass ship's bell clock that for eight years has stood on the desk in the State, War and Navy building used by him. It is a Chelsea clock, of the "Admiral" design, its dial eight inches across. Melow in tone it sounds shiplike when it strikes the bells. That he was pleased with the gift and the spirit that prompted it could be seen in his face, and he put it into words when he declared that there was no other gift that could have pleased him greater. The gift was that of the men of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, a delegation of officials coming to Washington especially to make the presentation. In the party were Messrs. Bert Crowley, president of the Philadelphia Navy Yard Development Association; Samuel W. Meredith, president of the Quartermen and Leadingmen's association; Irwin M. Kauffelt, president of the Planters and Estimators' association. With them came Michael Francis, a prominent attorney of Philadelphia, who has represented the men of the Philadelphia Navy Yard in many matters which came before the Navy Department. The presentation took place in the rooms of the National Press Club and the clock was greatly admired. It had been secured through the courtesy of Secretary of the Navy Denby by Edward E. Britton, who then introduced Mr. Crowley, who spoke of the high regard in which the men of the Philadelphia Navy Yard held Mr. Daniels; that it was felt that the greatness of the yard was due to the wisdom and foresight which he had shown back in 1914 when he gave to it the building of the Henderson, a vessel later used as a transport.

He told of the small personnel of the yard, less than a thousand, growing to over 14,000 during the war and that now there were 8,000 men at work there, while thousands of idle men walked the streets of Philadelphia. He expressed the appreciation of the men of the yard to Mr. Daniels, saying that they hoped as he gazed upon the clock they sent they would be remembered. Mr. Daniels voiced his deep appreciation of the gift and the spirit of it. He paid high tribute to the men of the Philadelphia navy yard, saying that in

Retaining Thomas C. Atwood, one of the best known construction engineers in the United States to be in direct charge of the work of extending the plant of the State University, the building committee of the board of trustees of the institution yesterday embarked upon the program of building authorized at the last session of the General Assembly. Financial uncertainties that may delay the State Treasurer in disposing of the bonds authorized to pay for the work, or the inability to place short term notes in lieu of selling the bonds, will not deter the building committee from its program. Adequate assurances have been given by members of the Board that loans sufficient to keep the work going will be procured among the bankers of the State. Mr. Atwood will take charge Monday morning, and from that day the work of making required expansion of the University's equipment is expected to proceed apace. The beginning of the college year next September is expected to find new dormitories, new class rooms, and new faculty residences sufficient to take care of several hundred additional students. Alumni Won't Wait. Sessions of both the Building Committee and of the Executive Committee of the Board were held in the office of the Governor yesterday morning, the former meeting first and the Executive committee later ratifying the recommendations of the Building committee for the retention of Mr. Atwood and the immediate beginning of building operations determined upon at the meeting held in Chapel Hill, March 30. Members of the board in the city yesterday were highly gratified at the prospect of avoiding the seemingly impossible delay toward reorganization of a building machinery after the abolition of the State Building Commission, and the further delay occasioned by the unsettled state of the bond market. Much was said in appreciation of the spirit of former students of the institution who are ready to finance the building program until the State is able to make advantageous use of its credit. Members of the building committee present yesterday were Col. J. Bryan Grimes, chairman; C. T. Woolen, secretary, President H. W. Scales, George Stephens, John Sprunt, Hill, and James A. Gray, Jr. Members of the Executive Committee attending the session were Charles Whedbee, Dr. R. H. Lewis, Dr. Charles Lee Smith, James S. Manning, Dr. E. C. Brooks, Claude Dockery, W. N. Everett, and Major John Graham. Has Notable Record. The new construction engineer is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and for the past quarter of a century has been engaged in many notable enterprises. Beginning his professional career in Boston, he was engaged on the monumental pumping station in the Metropolitan Park system, later on the construction of the filter plant in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Seven years were spent by him, first as designing engineer and later as division engineer in the construction of New York city's great water system. Outstanding among the pieces of construction Mr. Atwood's career is the Yale Bowl, which was built by him, and in the earlier years of the war, the direction of the construction of Camp Merritt and as supervising engineer for the Navy department in building the Squantum Destroyer Plant at Boston. Later he was Division Plant Engineer for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in charge of the district which included Baltimore on the North and Wilmington on the South. He supervised the construction of the great Fuller plant at Wilmington. For a year past Mr. Atwood has been engaged on the building of new factories and the model mill villages constructed by the Durham Hosiery Mills in Durham, representing an outlay of several million dollars. He is regarded by the Executive Committee as one of the most capable engineers in America, and splendid results are anticipated from his administration at the University.

FOOTE ASSIGNED TO COMMAND THE SALEM Former Personal Naval Aide To Daniels To Begin New Duties May 1

Washington, April 16.—Commander P. W. Foote, for several years personal naval aide to former Secretary Daniels, and at present acting in a similar capacity for Secretary Denby, has been assigned to command the scout cruiser Salem, of the Pacific fleet. He will be relieved of his present duties about May 1 and will immediately join his ship at San Diego. Secretary Denby has not selected Commander Foote's successor and may not do so for some time. During the war Commander Foote was captain of the transport President Lincoln, which was sunk by a German submarine while enroute to New York. For his conduct at that occasion he received the distinguished service cross and several foreign decorations.

TIGHT FINANCES WILL NOT DELAY UNIVERSITY WORK

Trustees Will Advance Credits If Bonds Don't Sell Readily

EMPLOY ENGINEER AND BEGIN ON CONSTRUCTION

Thomas C. Atwood, Who Built Yale Bowl and Camp Merritt, Retained As Construction Engineer and Work Will Begin Immediately On New Buildings At University

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WINDSTORMS CAUSE APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

Over One Hundred Persons Dead and Several Hundred Injured From Northeast Texas To Georgia

PROPERTY DAMAGE WILL RUN INTO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN 7 STATES

Two Arkansas Counties, With Fifty Dead Reported, Heavily Sufferers; Torrential Rains Following Series Of Tornadoes Interrupt Railway Traffic and Cause Other Damage; Relief Parties Being Sent To Storm Swept Districts; Heavy Rains In Western Carolina; Freakish Franks Of Wind Reported In Texas and Swept Eastward to South Carolina

PROPONDERS WIN UNION WILL CASE

Jury Decides Every Issue In Favor Of Original Beneficiaries Of Will

Monroe, April 16.—At a quarter past twelve today the jury in the Ross will case called for the Judge and returned a verdict for the propounders on every issue. The jury was out only 45 minutes. Attorneys for the caveators immediately made a motion to set the verdict aside, which was denied, and they gave notice of appeal. Thus ends the hearing which commenced at noon on Thursday, March 31st, and occupied 15 days time. By the terms of the will of the late Maggie Ross, the residue of a large estate goes to three negroes. The estate consists of 7,500 acres of farming lands and about \$35,000 in money, several thousand dollars of which is gold coin found about the premises after Maggie Ross' death last summer. Specific bequests in the will are as follows: Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, \$1,000; Piedmont industrial school, Charlotte, \$5,000; Barham Springs orphanage, \$2,000; Western North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, for Home Missions, \$1,000; North Carolina Synod, Presbyterian Church, for Home Missions, \$500; Boyd's Grove Methodist Church near Waxhaw, \$3,000; Magna Methodist Church, \$800; Bank's Presbyterian Church, \$1,000, and \$1,000 as a trust fund for maintenance of cemetery; Bank's Church also gets the house and three acre lot at Marvin. R. A. Hudson, Jr., \$1,000; Will Garrison, Mrs. Maggie Moore, Mrs. Harriet Taylor, and Margaret Jackson Crone, \$500 each. Two Yarborough boys, tenants on the place, \$100 each; Mrs. Fannie Parham, \$500, and small bequests totaling \$1,100 to sundry negro tenants on the Ross farms. The remainder of the estate, real and personal, goes to Mittie Belle Houston, Robert B. Ross, her father, and Florence T. Houston, her daughter the old home place of 800 acres is devised to Rob Ross and Mittie Belle Houston jointly and at their death to Florence Tucker Houston and the other lands and property either devised to them or provision made for its sale and the proceeds to be paid them. When this will, which was made 1917, was filed for probate shortly after the death of Miss Maggie Ross, in May of last year a caveat was filed by a number of relatives, which number had increased to 109 when the case came to trial. Maggie Ross was unmarried and there were no surviving brothers or sisters or children and no first cousins, as the caveators were second and third cousins. The case was one of the hardest fought ever heard in this county, the entire Monroe bar and E. T. Candler and Walter Clarke, Jr., of Charlotte being retained by one side or the other.

HARDING NOMINATES LABOR BOARD MEMBERS

Walter L. McMenimen, Samuel Higgin and Governor Hooper Are Selections

Washington, April 16.—Nominations to fill the three vacancies on the Railroad Labor Board, considered particularly important because of the controversy between the roads and their employees, were sent to the Senate today by President Harding. As labor's representative on the board the President named Walter L. McMenimen, acting president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and a prominent figure in recent negotiations between the railroad unions and managers. Samuel Higgin, of New York, a former general manager of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway, was named to represent the management group, while former Governor Ben W. Hooper, of Tennessee, was given the vacant place allotted to a representative of the public. All three of the nominations caused more or less surprise, none of the men named having figured prominently in gossip about the vacancies which occurred yesterday at the expiration of the term of three members, who were one year appointees, when the board was organized. Another element of surprise was the fact that Mr. Hooper's name had been known to be prominently under consideration for the vacant commissionership of Internal Revenue.

Second Annual April Harness Race and Flat Races, Pinehurst, Wednesday—Adv.

Memphis, Tenn., April 16—Tornadoes which swept eastward from Texas to South Carolina last night and today claimed a total of approximately 100 lives, injured several hundred and damaged property and crops to the extent of millions of dollars, according to reports filtering in to points of communication tonight from sections of the storm swept area of half a dozen states.

Arkansas, with fifty persons reported killed in Hempstead and Miller counties, suffered the heaviest toll. In Alabama the number dead was estimated at ten. Seven were killed in Texas and six in Mississippi. In Tennessee, the other state which felt the effect of the storm, no fatalities were reported. Owing to interrupted wire communication, only fragmentary reports have been received thus far from the sections reported to have suffered the greatest loss of life and property. Relief parties tonight still were searching the storm swept areas and until they report the complete death list will not be known. Storm Toll In Lives. The storm toll in lives, indicated in dispatches received up to midnight, was as follows: Texas: Six dead at the town of Avinger, one dead at Atlanta and several other reported killed near O'Fallon. Arkansas: Twenty dead near the town of Hope, eighteen in the vicinity of Texarkana, fifteen near Prescott, one at Gravelly, Yell county, one at Delight, Pike county, three near Russellville, Pope county. Several other deaths were reported in isolated sections of Hempstead county, but the reports had not been verified tonight. Mississippi: Five persons killed at Steen, near Columbus, one at Boutang, one at Epral Hill, near Aberdeen, one killed in an accident near Laurel. Alabama: Five dead at Cave Springs, near Tusculuma, four at Ralph, Tusculuma county, three at Sulligent, Lamar county, one in Dallas county. In Tennessee property damage was reported at Newport, Lynnville and Conoverville. In Memphis a torrential rain storm damaged roads and bridges to the extent of approximately \$10,000. Damage At Birmingham. In Alabama ten persons were injured at Birmingham. Property damage at that city was estimated at \$200,000. Other towns in Alabama where property damage was reported included Waverly and Opelika. In Mississippi considerable damage was reported in Jackson due to a record-breaking rainfall and the town of Sumrall was flooded by the breaking of a mill dam. At Rome, Ga., property damage was estimated at \$225,000. The storm damage in South Carolina, so far reported, was confined to the wrecking of several buildings near Anderson. No accurate estimate of the number injured in Arkansas, where the storm apparently wrought the greatest havoc, was available tonight but indications were that the total would be a hundred or more. The storm was followed by a decided drop in the temperature in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama, and frost was expected in some sections tonight. The cold wave, following the rain and wind, are expected to increase the suffering of those whose homes have been destroyed. Broke In Texas. The storm apparently broke in Smith county, Texas, swept sections of Good, Gregg, Casewan and Bowie counties and passed into Miller and Hempstead counties Arkansas, where the reported dead list tonight had reached fifty. Six of the seven persons killed in Texas were crushed to death when their homes in the village of Avinger were wrecked. Another death was reported at Atlanta, Texas. Crossing into Arkansas, the storm skirted the city of Texarkana and cut a swathe a half mile wide through a heavily wooded section of Miller and Hempstead counties. Leaving Mississippi, the storm swoop

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