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JOHNSON MAKING NO HEADWAY WITH FIGHT IN SENATE

Though Thirteen May Be Un-
lucky for Others, It May
Be Lucky for Blair

COUNTING OF NOSES GIVES HIM MAJORITY

Little Chance That Californian
Can Carry Through Fight
Successfully; Asking No
Quarter and Fires Hot Shot
at Republicans Who Asked
Him to Hold Off

The News and Observer Bureau,
603 National Bank Bldg.,
By EDWARD E. BRITTON
(By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, May 13.—It is down to a
counting of noses now, and that Senator
Johnson is getting nowhere in his
opposition to the confirmation of David
H. Blair of Winston-Salem as Commis-
sioner of Internal Revenue can be seen
by examining a list of the members of
the Senate finance committee. On it
there are ten Republicans and six
Democrats and with the full committee
voting I estimate the vote as being 13
for Blair with three against him.

Of course, those who see a "hoodoo"
in 13 will say that this is a bad number
to link up with, but when 13 runs for
you, oh boy, it's a lucky number even
if this calculation is made on Friday
the 13th of May. I can only find in
my calculations that on the Republic-
an side of the committee Senator La-
Follette will vote against a favorable
report for Mr. Blair, and on the Demo-
cratic side that the votes of Senators
Walsh and Reed will be cast against
him. There is a bare possibility that
the Republican membership will cast
two votes against and eight for, the
Democrats two against and four for,
Blair, which would make the count
twelve to four in Blair's favor. I have
heard no man say how he will vote, but
there is the line up in the fine & com-
mittee as I am figuring it now.

How Committee Stands
For Blair, Penrose, McCumber, Smoot,
Dillingham, McLean, Curtis, Watson,
Caldor, Sutherland (Republicans)—9.
Simmons, Williams, Jones, of New
Mexico, Gerry (Democrats)—4. Total
13.

Against Blair: LaFollette (Republi-
can)—1. Reed, Walsh, of Massachu-
setts (Democrats). Total 3.

Senator Hiram Johnson sees the lion
in his path, but is going ahead. That
he is now planning a new angle to
his attack is understood. That angle
is "the live wire" that I wrote of
yesterday. It is that he is seeking
to discover from the Treasury Depart-
ment the names of the endorsers of
Mr. Blair to see if any of them have
any claims pending against the income
or excess profits tax section of the
Internal Revenue bureau. If there are,
then he will go to the fight with fresh
vigor. If not his attempt to hobble this
will prove a boomerang that will favor
Mr. Blair.

Former Tar Heel's Death May Have Been Caused By A Fall

Police in Tulsa, Okla., Find Five Persons Who State They
Heard Judge Devereux, Former Resident of Raleigh,
Say He Fell Out of Bed; Two Women Still Held.

Tulsa, Okla., May 13.—The theory of
the death of Judge John Devereux, for-
mer Supreme Court commissioner, who
died late Wednesday from venereal
poisoning and a blood clot on the brain,
was due to a blow from a blunt in-
strument, was almost disproved late
today when the police found five per-
sons who told of hearing the dead
jurist say "I fell out of bed."

Judge Devereux was a prominent law-
yer and came here thirty years ago
from Raleigh, N. C., where he formerly
lived. The death has remained a
complete mystery to the authorities al-
though every effort has been made to
clear it up and relatives from North
Carolina are hurrying here to aid in
finding out the true facts.

The testimony of the five persons
with reference to the Judge's state-
ment bears out almost entirely the
alibi of the two women, Mrs. Jesse
James and Goldie Gordon, who acted as
nurses for Judge Devereux during the
last ten days of his life.

Police Detectives Heard Him.
Police detectives J. L. Blaine, and
Bullard, heard Judge Devereux say
early Tuesday morning in a faint
voice, the five words. As he was con-
scious almost continuously thereafter
until his death late Wednesday, it is
believed that they were his last words.
Dr. Ralph B. Smith and Miss B. A.
Doyle and Mrs. Thomas, occupants of

the apartment house in which Judge
Devereux died, were the others who
heard the statement of the dying
jurist as to how he came to be hurt.
This dying sentence was brought into
prominence when the police announced
that they were so far as solving the
mystery on a murder theory. Cap-
tain George Blaine, who is in charge
of the investigation, while not admit-
ting that he believed the foul play theory
untrue, said that it might be possible
for a man to so fall from a bed and
strike his head on a radiator nearby.

Woman Springs Sensation
Earlier in the day Mrs. James sprung
a sensation when she shouted from her
cell at the county jail that she would
tell the true story of the mystery, if she
was put on the witness stand.

"You'll get the right guy then, all
right," the woman exclaimed during the
heat of her passion against people who
had charged that she and Goldie Gordon
had threatened the old judge while
nursing him. Later she refused to talk
any further. The Gordon girl also de-
clared that she had threatened Judge
Devereux.

While officers are still interviewing
the two nurses, Mrs. Jesse James and
Goldie Gordon, who have been definite-
ly charged with the murder of the
former Supreme court commissioner,
relatives of the dead man are rushing
here from North Carolina to aid in
the prosecution of all parties implicated.

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BIRMINGHAM WINS HEADQUARTERS OF BAPTIST SOCIETY

Spirited Fight Between Atlanta
and Alabama City at Chat-
taooga Meeting

RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISARMAMENT COMES IN

Unanimous Endorsement Of
Volstead By Southern Bap-
tist Body; All Officers of
Woman's Missionary Union
Re-elected; Editors of Peri-
odicals Form Organization.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 13.—A reso-
lution favoring disarmament was intro-
duced in the Southern Baptist Con-
vention here this afternoon by Dr. Henry
Allen Tupper, of Washington, D. C., who
declared that the question of reconstruc-
tion of the world on a peace basis was
supreme at the present. The resolution
would give indorsement to the
movement now being pressed by cer-
tain members of Congress, and provided
that a copy be forward to President
Harding. The resolution was referred
to a committee.

Unanimous approval of the conven-
tion was also given to efforts to
strengthen the Volstead act now pend-
ing in Congress, the matter having
been presented by Dr. A. J. Harton,
chairman of the standing committee on
social service.

Birmingham Wins Headquarters
Birmingham won the new headquar-
ters of the Baptist Woman's Missionary
Union this afternoon, following the
decision of the body yesterday to re-
move the headquarters from Baltimore,
after the closest race in the history of the
organization. Upon the recommenda-
tion of the locating committee, the
names of Atlanta and Memphis were
dropped and the race narrowed to one
between Nashville and Birmingham. The
claims of both cities were urged in
speeches by residents of them and the
vote showed a tie with each city re-
ceiving 203 votes, and Mrs. W. C. James,
president, refused to break the tie be-
cause of her residence in Birmingham,
and the votes of the officers residing in
Baltimore swung the balance in favor
of Birmingham.

Practically all of the officers of the
Woman's Missionary Union were re-
elected today, as follows: Mrs. W. C.
James, Birmingham, president; Miss
Kathleen Mallory, Baltimore, corre-
sponding secretary, and Mrs. H. M.
Wharton, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes and Mrs.
Juliet Mather, all of Baltimore, re-
cording secretary, treasurer, and Young
People's secretary, respectively.

The editors of the Baptist papers of
the South held an informal business and
social session this afternoon and elected
Dr. Z. T. Cody, of the Baptist Courier,
Greenville, S. C., president, and Coleman
Craig, of the Baptist Standard, Dallas,
Texas, secretary.

To Make Titles Secure
The title to several million dollars
worth of church property in Southern
states will be made secure through the
application of recommendations as to
the legal status of boards operating un-
der the treaty being respected, the
premier said, or they ought to allow
Germany to do so.

"Not merely to disarm Germany, but
to say that such troops as she has are
not to be permitted to take part in re-
storing order—that is not fair," he
added.

Noted Woman Chemist Visits America



To receive from President Harding
one gram of radium, bought with a
fund raised by Americans, Mme. Curie
arrived on the Olympic this week with
her two daughters, Irene, aged twenty-
three and Eve, sixteen.

The New York World described the
arrival of this remarkable woman in
the following beautiful word picture:
"Shrinking in the curve of a deck
chair to escape the morning sun as
the liner Olympic came into Quar-
antine yesterday morning from Cher-
bourg, France, was a slight woman,
fifty-three years old, making her first
trip to this country.

"During seven days at sea this
woman, with mixed gray hair, wearing
a loose black tailored suit and black
hat with white stitching, had impressed
other passengers as a kindly mother.
She showed a benevolence that was
maternal. She bestowed it on her two
daughters; she offered it to all. Her
soft, blue-gray eyes were always kindly.
She spoke English in a low, even tone
with the fascinating precision of culti-
vation.

As the liner moved up the bay and
passed the Statue of Liberty she rose
from her chair and walking to the rail
gazed at the towering gift of France.
"It is wonderful," she remarked.
"The Brooklyn Bridge in the distance
was pointed out to her.
"That is wonderful too," she said.
"Years of discouragement and privi-
ation spent toiling for science with
her husband, the late Prof. Pierre
Curie, before they discovered radium,
twenty-three years ago, had left no out-
ward traces. Mme. Marie Curie, as she
arrived here to receive the thimbleful
of radium purchased for her by Ameri-
can women impressed all who met her
more as a kindly mother than a scientist
who will go down in world history, and
may yet, through her experiments, put
an end to the blight of cancer."

WON'T ALLOW POLES TO HOLD SILESA TO HOLD SILESA

Premier George Declares In-
vasion Was in Defiance
of Treaty

London, May 13.—(By the Associated
Press)—Great Britain will not accept
as a fact accomplished the seizure and
holding by insurgent Poles under the
leadership of Adalbert Korfanty of por-
tions of Upper Silesia.

CYCLONES STRIKE SEVERAL EASTERN CAROLINA PLACES

Severe Storm Demolishes Build-
ings in Roseboro and Injures
Several People

LONG BRANCH COMMUNITY IN ROBESON ALSO HIT

Residences Completely R e n t
Into Splinters By Force of
Wind and Thousands of Trees
Blown Down; Several Seri-
ously Injured But None Re-
ported Killed

Clinton, May 13.—A storm pass-
ing through Sampson this after-
noon struck Roseboro and injured
several negroes seriously and brui-
sed a number of white people. It
damaged the school building, un-
roofed Bullard's Store and de-
stroyed the Turlington-Howard gin-
nery. The Williams-McKeithan
Lumber Company plant build-
ing was destroyed and also numerous
negro houses. The residences of
L. M. White and Mrs. G. C. Lee
were destroyed. The force of the
storm struck the business section
but did great damage in the
southern part of town. Telephone
communication is cut off between
Clinton and Salemburg. A Clinton
citizen just from Robeson reports
numerous smaller damages. The
gale lasted only a minute or so.

Lumberton, May 13.—A cyclone struck
the Long Branch community, five miles
south of Lumberton, this afternoon,
demolishing three or more dwellings and
seriously injuring several people. The
residence of John Lamb was completely
demolished, nothing being left but
the floor of the front porch. Five
members of the family were hurt, the
only one to escape injury being a small
baby. The building was rent into
splinters and the only piece of house-
hold furnishings left on the grounds
was a clock. The hands were torn off
the clock.

The stall in which Mr. Lamb's mule
was kept was carried away and the
mule left unhurt. Thousands of trees
were uprooted or blown down in the
wake of the cyclone, which covered a
space about a half mile wide. Full de-
tails from the path of the storm have
not been received here, the highways
having been blocked with trees. Un-
usual heavy rains fell throughout this
section today and it is thought crops
have been damaged considerably.

GEN. PERSHING TO HEAD ARMY AFTER JULY FIRST

Will Relieve Major General Pey-
ton C. March, Present
Chief of Staff

Washington, May 13.—General Per-
shing, since the end of the war nominally
the head of the army, but actually with-
out any important duties or authority,
will become chief of the general staff
and the actual head of the army July 1.
Secretary Weeks announced today. On
that date he will relieve Major General
Peyton C. March, the present chief of
staff.

In addition to his new duties General
Pershing will remain head of the gen-
eral headquarters or war staff of the
army, a post recently created for him.
He will have as assistant chief of the
general staff his old friend and chief
of staff in France, Major General James
G. Harbord, who will relieve Major Gen-
eral William M. Wright, the present
executive assistant.

Although bearing the title of chief
of staff and having authority and super-
vision over all parts of the general
staff, General Pershing will be relieved
of all administrative and detail duties
by General Harbord who will assume
the routine of the office, leaving Gen-
eral Pershing free to direct the larger
aspects of the military establishment
particularly the organization and train-
ing of the National Guard and organ-
ized reserves.

In announcing his decision Secretary
Weeks made it plain that General
Pershing will be the real military head
of the army from every point of view.
He said the General of the armies would
be relieved of administrative work by
General Harbord and would be "charged
with the organization and training of
all the elements of the army in the
United States including the National
Guard and the organized reserves."

General Harbord, Mr. Weeks said,
will have much broader powers than
those formerly exercised by the assist-
ant chief of staff.

THIRTEEN AN UNLUCKY NUMBER FOR RONDA MAN

Richmond, Va., May 13.—Friday
the thirteenth proved an unlucky day for
Dewey E. Cockerham, 21 years old of
Benham, N. C. He fell into the clutches
of the police here today when he tried
to have a \$50 express money order
cashed at the American National Bank.
R. C. Gregory, the teller who waited on
him, observed that the paper bore the
number of one of twelve such orders
which were alleged to have been stolen
from the company at Ronda, N. C., re-
cently, according to warning circulars
sent out.

Gregory called the police and had the
young man locked up. It was said that
another of the twelve stolen orders
was found on him and that he admit-
ted having cashed the others in Ra-
leigh, Greensboro, Charlotte and Win-
ston-Salem. The warrant on which he
was arrested charged him with the
theft of the entire lot of orders total-
ing \$600 and it was said that he would
probably be held for the authorities at
Ronda. Cockerham was working at
Ronda as a telegraph operator when
the alleged theft occurred, it was said.
Previously, he was in the employ of
the express company at Winston-Salem

Flag of Truce Carried To The Fighting Ground in Mountains

Emissary of State Police Seeks
To End Fighting Between
Mountaineers

DEATH LIST GROWS AS BATTLE IS CONTINUED

Women and Children Move Out
From Villages Within The
Battle Zone

Williamston, W. V., May 13.—An
emissary of the State forces taking
part in the battle which has raged for
two days in the Mingo mountains along
Tug river, late tonight approached the
strong-hold of a leader of the moun-
taineers under a flag of truce and asked
that the mountain men cease firing
into villages in this region.

This information was received here
tonight from Chief Deputy Sheriff John
Hall, who sent one of his men into the
hills to confer with the attacking party.
Hall reported to Sheriff A. C. Pinson
that his emissary, carrying a piece of
white muslin on a stick, reached the
party of men who were raining bul-
lets into a nearby town.

The mountaineers respected the
white flag, and when the deputy made
known his mission of peace, according
to Hall, a leader of the forces opposed
to the State officers replied that the
hill men would accept a truce only if
from the firing from the Kentucky side
of the river had ceased.

The battle zone of the Williamson
coal district was shrouded tonight in
darkness that was illumined only by
rifle flashes from the Kentucky and
West Virginia mountains, as the second
day of fighting closed with the belliger-
ency of the mountain riflemen appar-
ently undiminished.

Reports received here at State police
headquarters for the district told of a
general exodus of women and children
from the embattled mining towns, the
refugees going either to the hills not
infested with riflemen or leaving the
district altogether.

The few remaining inhabitants hud-
dles hoping in the darkness to find
died in lightless houses and tent colo-
nies from the hail of lead that has
been poured out at intervals all day
long.

A number of refugee families have
made their way to this city. Only the
most meagre details of today's fighting
had reached Williamson tonight
over crippled telephone lines and from
the lips of arrivals from the zone of
firing but from the conflicting mass of
reports it seemed certain that yester-
day's death toll of two had been in-
creased during the day to at least six,
while acceptances of all the reports
would place the killed at from 15 to 15.
Two men are known to have been
killed at McCarr, Ky., at the eastern
end of the troubled area, while other
reports placed the total at five.

At Matewan one, and possibly two,
have been killed.

Less definite reports from Merrimac,
Rawl and Sprigg, tell of killings at
these towns and other unconfirmed
reports cite killings that have occurred
on the Kentucky side of the Tug
River opposite Matewan.

Fierce fighting was reported during
the day from all the towns that figured
in yesterday's attack—Rawl, Merrimac,
Sprigg, Matewan, and McCarr,—while
new attacks broke out late today at
the little town of Gates, near Matewan,
and at the New Howard Coal Company
mines near a score or more non-
union miners were reported to be hem-
med in by the fire at the Howard Mines
and their fate had not been learned
tonight.

Captain J. R. Brockus in command
of the State police, who made an at-
tempted flanking expedition into the
mountains yesterday but lost his quar-
ter, went to Sprigg late today on a
special train with 15 men and again
started out on a similar maneuver. No
word had been received from him since
he abandoned the train at Sprigg and
took the mountain trail under fire.

MANY PLACES OPEN AFTER JULY 21ST

Large Number of Tar Heel
Democratic Postmasters
Must Get Out

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(By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, May 13.—Under the ex-
ecutive order of President Harding with
regard to postmasters of the first, second
and third class, there will be many
North Carolina postmasters who face
an experience with the descending knife
of a guillotine this year, for the 1917
confirmations and a four-years' run this
year. So it will be the civil service test
as prescribed by the President that they
will have to meet, and if a Republican
gets among the three highest, then
good-bye postoffice for them, or if there
is a weak spot anywhere in their armor,
then Republicans who are seeking the
Federal payroll will be hotfooting after
them. But to the list of some who are
marked for slaughter by the Harding-
Hays civil service route:

Four-year terms as postmasters in
North Carolina expiring this year:
Expiring Postoffice Terms
Charlotte, E. H. Weddington, July 21;
Dunn, E. T. Lee, July 21; Elm City,
Russell A. Strickland, July 21; Frank-
lin, Charles L. Ingram, April 16; Frank-
linton, George J. Whitfield, July 21;
Goldensboro, L. M. Michaux, July 21;
Greenville, David J. Whickard, July 21;
Hamlet, R. B. Terry, July 21; Hender-
son, Isaac J. Young, April 16; Lenoir,
V. D. Currie, July 21; Lillington, James
M. Fugany, June 8; Oxford, R. E. Lassiter,
May 16; Roxboro, J. W. Noel, July 21;
Seima, W. K. Etheridge, July 21;
Wadesboro, S. S. Lockhart, July 21; Wil-
mington, H. McLaughlin, July 21; New-
ton, F. H. Harrison, July 16. It will be
seen that July 21 is a bad date to meet,
and that some of the possible decapita-
tions are past due.

Four-year terms expiring in 1922 are
in part:
Apex, S. A. Branch, October 24; Beau-
fort, B. B. Arrington, October 24; Bur-
lington, Ogden F. Crowson, September
15; Carthage, James E. Muse, September
15; Durham, J. O. Lunsford, September
5; Elizabeth City, A. L. Pendleton, July
21; Enfield, J. B. Harrison, June 24;
Fremont, W. E. Flowers, June 24; Mur-
freesboro, September 5; New Bern, L. G.
Daniels, June 24; Tarboro, W. D. Leg-
gett, September 5.

Postmaster B. M. Gatling, of Raleigh,
began his second term on July 28, 1919,
and hence will not be up for examina-
tion till July, 1923.

Hammer Introduces Bill
Representative W. C. Hammer today
introduced bills which ask that the War
Department be authorized to donate
German cannon or field pieces to seven-
teen places in his district, making twenty
places he has asked for cannon, as
previously he had introduced bills for
Laurinburg, Raeford and Mocksville.
The list for today asks these for Rock-
ingham, Hamlet, Thomasville, Lexing-
ton, Jonesboro, Sanford, Wilkesboro,
North Wilkesboro, Yadkinville, Liberty,
Randolph, Rameaux, Asheboro, Troy,
Monroe, Wadesboro and Star.

Representative Ward today introduced
a bill to erect a Federal building for a
postoffice at Edenton. He would have
\$200,000 appropriated for the building.
The government owns the land.

DANIELS ON VISIT TO HIS BIRTHPLACE

Former Secretary of Navy and
Wife Given Cordial Welcome
at Washington, N. C.

Washington, N. C., May 13.—Having
acquired national and international
fame Josephus Daniels, former Sec-
retary of the Navy, accompanied by his
wife, today came to visit his birthplace.
With the principal business streets
of the city gaily decorated and with
the people of the whole city taking
part, Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, were ac-
corded a royal welcome upon their ar-
rival here.

Over three hundred people were pre-
sent at the reception tendered by the
Woman's Club at which both of the
visitors spoke. Mr. Daniels also made
a brief address at the Methodist church
and later spoke at the commencement
exercises of the Washington Collegiate
Institute.

Speaks to Kiwanis Club.
The principal address of the day was
before the meeting of the Kiwanis
Club, that organization having extend-
ed him and Mrs. Daniels the invitation
to visit Washington. Mr. Daniels was
presented at the Kiwanis meeting by
Judge Stephen C. Bragaw, who referred
to the visitor as Washington's and
North Carolina's most distinguished
citizen.

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Daniels Tells Thrilling Air Fights of First U. S. Naval Ace

By JOSEPHUS DANIELS
Former Secretary of the Navy 1913-21.
Few people realize when they read
the story of the NC-4's flight from
Rockaway, L. I., to Plymouth, Eng-
land, in the spring of 1919, that the
preparations for that remarkable voy-
age and record-smashing achievement
had begun in September, 1917.

Admiral David W. Taylor, chief con-
structor of the navy, of course fre-
quently discussed with me problems re-
lating to aviation. One day in Septem-
ber of our first war he sent for Naval
Constructors Westervelt and Huns-
sacker.

"I want a plane designed that will fly
across the Atlantic," he told them, as
quietly as though he were ordering
poached eggs for breakfast.

They realized that a task he had
imposed, but set about it immediately.
The undertaking aroused my warmest
enthusiasm. It was a big project, ex-
ceeding the most ambitious efforts of
any other nation.

Admiral Taylor's force went to work
at once. By the end of 1917 all the
main elements of the design had been
formulated, and early in 1918 the work
of construction was begun. The NC-1
was completed by the first of October
and the first test flight followed three
days later. On November 7, just before
the armistice, she flew to Washington,
where we inspected her; then went on
to Hampton Roads, and returned to
Rockaway. Six months later the NC-4
fulfilled her promise, by making the
big leap across the Atlantic.

You will note that this was a war-
time project, conceived in war time
and worked out in war time. Had the
war lasted another year we would have

The Right Person

Telling the right person just the
right thing at the right time—often-
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articles, providing tenants for land-
lords, bringing roomers to furnished
houses, establishing businesses, in-
teresting buyers and sellers, fur-
nishing capital for business enter-
prises, and scores of similar
undertakings of the business world
as well as the realm of the house-
hold are influenced each day by the
Wants. Let them work for you.

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