

REPUBLICAN BOSS IN MECKLENBURG SUTING FOR LIBEL

Likely To Postpone Trial of
Court Action Brought By
J. D. Albright

ALLEGES CIRCULATION OF LIBELLOUS LETTER

Defendant in Case Denies Posi-
tively Circulating It But Did
Show It To Two Men But Al-
leges His Belief That They
Were Emisaries Sent By
The Plaintiff

Charlotte, May 28.—As the first week of the two week's term of Mecklenburg Superior court closed today, court officials and political observers saw little prospect of the trial of the case of J. D. Albright, Republican politician and editor of a job here as postmaster, who is suing A. P. Lynch for ten thousand dollars for alleged libel. The case is docketed for trial at this time of court.

J. A. Albright, Morehead lieutenant for Mecklenburg county, in his complaint charges Lynch with the circulation of a letter libelous and defamatory to the character of the plaintiff. The case has been the subject of discussion among politicians and political observers during the last few weeks and the outcome is awaited with considerable interest in view of Albright's rather prominent connection with the Republican machine now in control in North Carolina. Albright is the same man whom Jake Nowell, prominent Republican politician here, charged with log rolling at a Republican county convention here two years ago. He has long been the big boss locally, but takes his orders from Morehead.

The alleged defamatory letter which Albright claims was circulated is purported to have been written by one E. W. West, of Dallas, and set forth in the complaint filed in court. "I am just in receipt of a letter from C. A. Barkley, Denver, N. C., touching which J. D. Albright is about to get the Charlotte postoffice. This is too bad. I have known Albright over 20 years and I have never known him only as a scoundrel and traitor. He caused the first split in the Catawba Republicans and I told Joe Mullien when he went to Charlotte he had better steer clear of him, but Joe could not believe me, but I guess he found out. I haven't got paper to write all I know of his miserable mentality and dirtiness, but if you will come to see me I can tell you. His record in D. C. is worse than Beckner's as policeman, in New York. A. E. Fries, of Salisbury, can tell you some of his record in D. C., alleging that he pilled all the distillers, made them pay to let them cheat the government."

SEVEN ARRESTS MADE IN MINGO STRIKE ZONE

Williamson, W. Va., May 28.—Seven persons, charged with violating Governor E. F. Morgan's martial law proclamation for Mingo county, were arrested today in mining towns along the Tug River and held without bail. The charges included agitating, intimidating and carrying firearms.

DECLARES JAPAN IN FAVOR OF DISARMAMENT

San Francisco, May 28.—Japan is in favor of disarmament, since the fulfillment of the naval program is imposing heavy tax burdens on the people, but other nations of greater power must take the initiative, B. Nakanishi, leader of the Japanese diet now visiting the United States, told a luncheon gathering here.

Two Men Killed.

Crystal Falls, Mich., May 28.—Two men were killed and another seriously injured, when a cable drawing a bucket used in bringing iron ore from the Monongahela mine here, was in which the men were riding, slipped, throwing the men to the bottom of the shaft, a drop of 100 feet.

LIGHT SNOWFALL.

Helena, Mont., May 28.—A light snowfall was reported today in widely scattered areas in Montana.

HARRY DAUGHERTY ANGERS SENATOR FROM NEW JERSEY

Lively Spat Takes Place in
Which Ugly Words Are
Passed By The Two Men

ROW BREAKS OUT OVER DISTRIBUTING OFFICES

Senator Frelinghuysen Thought
He Had Been Treated Un-
justly By Attorney General;
Latter Tells Former Where
To Get Off In Fighting Lan-
guage, According To Report

The News and Observer Bureau,
603 District National Bank Bldg.
By EDWARD E. BRITTON.
(By Special Leased Wire.)
Washington, May 28.—As on few days since he has been in office President Harding had a "short" calling list today. It was not because the office seekers wanted him to have a rest from their importunities, but because the President took the day as largely his own, for the clearing up of the odds and ends of affairs that had accumulated during the week, and in the days he was in New York and on the Mayflower in making the trip.

The usual run of the day with him is a visitor every five minutes and some times a large delegation is gotten through with in three hundred seconds. Influential is the person who grabs off ten minutes of his time, and the fifteen minutes limits of the clock order. His visiting list for today was a rare bird in the way of White House schedules but President Harding declared that he must have the time. And so the office seekers perforce had nothing left for them to do but to wait for Monday.

Not All Joy and Harmony.
There is not all joy and harmony in the administration circles, especially in the case of Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty and Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, and the language that passed at a recent meeting of the two Republican big wigs was of the really shocking variety, so the report goes. It appears that Attorney General Daugherty, being the man regarded as closest to President Harding in the handling out of Federal jobs, has called made upon him for many offices outside of the Department of Justice. And Mr. Daugherty has been endeavoring to take care of some of his friends. He had letters from New Jersey Republicans who implored his assistance, and he made answer to them, giving an idea that he would do things.

This news found its way to Senator Frelinghuysen, whose ire was aroused thereby, for he took it that Mr. Daugherty was encroaching on his preserves in patronage matters in New Jersey. So accompanied with the other New Jersey wearer of the toga, Senator Edge, and with him Republican National Committeeman for the State, Hamilton F. Ream, he called upon the Attorney General in his office. There was a brief general talk and soon Senator Frelinghuysen was telling Mr. Daugherty what he thought of his butting into affairs in New Jersey. The dander of the Attorney General rose, so the report goes, and he handed back some hot words at which Senator Frelinghuysen rose on the platform of his Senatorial dignity and blazed back at the cabinet member. And then Harry Daugherty is said to have used some very naughty words, indeed the news that has leaked out says that he "cussed out" Senator Frelinghuysen in language that Southern men fight about, and ordered him out of his office.

The New Jersey Senator went but he returned at the solicitation of Senator Edge and Committeeman Ream to attend to other matters in hand, Daugherty and Frelinghuysen barely noticing each other. Both claim that apologies are due them, and Mr. Daugherty is credited with saying that he will have nothing to do with Frelinghuysen until there is an apology forthcoming.

Wants More Land Appraisers.

Representative Weaver is seeking to have an increase in the number of farm loan bank appraisers for North Carolina. At present there are seven of these, three at Charlotte, three at Monroe, and one in Surry county. Mr. Weaver's position is that there ought to be ten in the State, one for each congressional district. At least he feels that there should be one of them.

Flood On Indian Reserve.

Regina, Sask., May 28.—Many cattle and horses have been drowned and residents of the Red Earth Indian Reserve are living on the roofs of their houses because of a flood on the Carrot River.

IF YOU WERE ON FAYETTEVILLE STREET AT 2 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY, MAYBE YOU ARE IN IT



Photograph by Former Lieutenant Gus Leazar from his Canadian-Cannock at a height of 300 feet yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. In the middle foreground may be observed the Municipal Auditorium with its rounded windows. A little further up, across the street, the Court House, Federal Building and the Tucker Building. Crossing the thoroughfare again is the Citizens' Bank, and at the other end of the street, the State Capitol. Mr. Leazar owns the first airplane brought permanently to Raleigh.

SMOOTH SAILING FOR FRANK LINNEY

Administration Puts Itself
Squarely Behind North Caro-
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Blair Gets To Work.

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"I had a good jury, they heard all the evidence, gave it most careful consideration, rendered their verdict and I am greatly pleased with their findings. I am more than delighted and deeply appreciate the loyal support from everybody in North Carolina regardless of their politics, and with the loyal support I received in the Senate. Particularly I appreciate the support of Senators Simmons and Overman, who although differing with me in politics gave me their unstinted support."

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LOOKING TO SOUTH FOR AMERICANISM

President Of Yale Says South
Must Cherish Inheritance
From Forefathers

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TEXTILE WORKERS TO BE CALLED OUT

Strike Affecting Mills Through-
out South To Come In
Near Future

Charlotte, May 28.—A general strike to affect textile mills throughout the South has been declared by the officials of the United Textile Workers of America, Thomas P. McMahon, vice president of the national organization, said upon his return here from New York, where he has conferred with President John Golden and other officers.

Mr. McMahon, however, steadfastly refused to name over the approximate date when the strike order will be issued, further than to intimate that it will be in the very near future. The impending strike, it is officially stated, will be the result of wage reductions in excess of 22 1/2 per cent in the textile mills, that scale of reduction having been fixed by the union authorities as the "deadline."

Mr. McMahon has been in the South for several weeks, most of the time canvassing the various textile centers and investigating wage reductions. President Golden also has spent considerable time in the South during the last five or six weeks.

Mr. McMahon declared today that wage reductions have averaged about 50 to 55 per cent and in many cases have been much more drastic.

ALLEGED MEMBERS OF I. W. W. CAPTURE TRAIN

Twenty-seven Arrested For At-
tempt To Commandeer a
Freight Train

Denver, May 28.—Twenty-seven alleged members of the I. W. W. were placed in jail here early today after they had attempted to commandeer a Union Pacific freight train and run it to Denver from Cheyenne, Wyo., according to the police. A squad of 22 policemen met the train outside the city when they received a report that the alleged I. W. W. were on it.

HOUSE COMMITTEE STRIKES SNAGS IN PREPARING TARIFF

Open Split Over Schedules For
Chemicals, Cotton, Wool
and Silks

EXPECTS TO INTRODUCE MEASURE BY JUNE 10

Republican Members Drafting
General Tariff Bill Having
Trouble In Getting Together
On Important Schedules; For-
mal Call For Caucus Of Re-
publicans Of House

Washington, May 28.—Republican members of the House ways and means committee, preparing a final draft of the general tariff bill, were said tonight to be at odds over four important schedules in the new measure. What was described as an open split has occurred in the writing of schedules for chemicals, cotton, wool and silks.

Despite the lack of agreement on these schedules, and the fact that some others have passed only the sub-committee stage, Chairman Fordney held to this prediction of June 10 as the date of introduction. Some members of the committee, however, declared the House would not receive the measure short of June 20. The chemical schedule, it was said, has resulted in a continuation of the fight originating in the Senate against the further use of restrictions, other than by tariff rates on the importations of dyestuffs. Mr. Fordney is understood to have announced his vigorous opposition in the committee to any plan involving an embargo, although he was willing to allow the application of high rates.

Neither the sub-committees nor the full Republican membership has succeeded in establishing basic rates on the silk schedule, while sectional views were said to have been reflected in the attempt to fix rates on cotton and its products. The New England element in the committee was said to be fighting the rates on cotton products, claiming they were disproportionate to the rate on the raw product.

Sub-committee drafts of the schedules on earthenware, paper, sundries and minerals are understood to have been accepted by the majority members of the committee.

EDDIE RICKENBACKER FINISHES LONG FLIGHT

American Ace Completes Air
Trip From California To
Washington

Washington, May 28.—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker completed his transcontinental flight here early tonight, landing at dusk at Bolling field. He was forced to land by a thunderstorm in the West Virginia mountains at 3 o'clock, but resumed his flight in one hour and arrived here without further incident.

ENRICO CARUSO LEAVES FOR TRIP TO HOMELAND

New York, May 28.—Enrico Caruso, showing traces of his long illness, today boarded the steamship President Wilson, bound for Italy, his homeland.

Extra guards were thrown about the pier to hold back the thousands of the tenor's admirers. Flowers, sent by hundreds of friends, and many telegrams and messages wishing him a speedy return to good health were received.

PENROSE PLANS TO OVERHAUL PRESENT ENFORCEMENT LAW

Says Prohibition Machinery
"Ineffective, Wasteful and
Demoralizing"

TO HAVE CONFERENCE WITH DAVID H. BLAIR

Whole Subject Of "Rehabilita-
tion" Of Present Enforce-
ment System To Be Discus-
sed; Penrose Favors Giving
Enforcement Work Over To
The Department Of Justice

Washington, May 28.—Declaring that the present prohibition enforcement system is "ineffective, wasteful and demoralizing in many of its aspects," Chairman Penrose, of the Senate Finance Committee, announced tonight that conferences would be held next week between his committee and Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue Blair, looking to changes in the enforcement measure.

The whole subject of "rehabilitation" of the enforcement system will be gone over, Mr. Penrose said, adding that the advisability of transferring the prohibition unit from the Bureau of Internal Revenue to the Department of Justice, the designating of an enforcement superintendent for each of the States or for each judicial district and other suggestions would be taken up.

"PROFESSOR" GETS AWAY FROM ANGRY CITIZENS

Alleged To Have Gotten Thou-
sands Of Dollars For "Healing"
In High Point

High Point, May 28.—Traveling in his own automobile, Professor B. A. Coley, of Columbia, S. C., who claims to be a psychologist and healer, shook High Point dust from his heels early today and left for the South Carolina city, carrying with him thousands of dollars, which he is alleged to have acquired during the two weeks operations of his "Faith" in this vicinity.

Following the "Professor" when he left the city were local citizens in automobiles apparently bent on putting a stop to the practices of the South Carolina man. The machines returned to High Point after giving chase for several miles.

VARNER HEARING AGAIN POSTPONED BY COURT

Greensboro, May 28.—Argument on a motion that the divorce suit brought by Henry B. Varner, of Lexington, against his wife, Florence C. Varner, be removed from Davidson County Superior Court, scheduled to have been heard here today, was postponed until June 16. This makes the third time the hearing has been postponed for one reason or another.

GASOLINE STOCKS LARGEST IN HISTORY OF COUNTRY.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Gasoline stocks on April 30 were the largest in the history of the country it was shown in figures made public today by the bureau of mines. There were 755,000,000 gallons in stock April 30, a net increase of 42,000,000 gallons over the month before.