

ANOTHER CASE OF WILL HAYS' SHAM EXAMINATIONS

South Carolina Senator Proposes To Show Up Republican Hypocrisy

COLD SHOULDER FOR FORMER SERVICEMAN

Democrat Heads List Of Eligibles In Palmetto City While Former Serviceman and Also Republican Stands Third; Old Guard Politician Named

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg By EDWARD E. BRITTON Washington, Nov. 19.—There is so rank a case of political prostitution of the purpose of civil service coming out of the nomination for postmaster at Greenville, S. C., that Senator Dial of that State has announced that he proposes to air the affair in the Senate and to make an endeavor to attract attention of the country to the fact that President Harding's executive order by which a selection for postmaster is to be made from the three highest "eligibles" on an examination is in reality simply a plan by which if any Republican is on the list he will get the job.

And that is not even overshadowed by the fact that when ever a former service man, one who fought overseas, standing first in the examination if he is a Democrat is flatly turned down under the Harding order as put in practice by Postmaster General William Hays, who with pious face talks of merit ruling in the conduct of affairs of the Post Office Department.

Carolina Tobacco Growers Sign Cooperative Contract

Minimum Number of Pounds Contracted For in This State; Assured of Handling 1922 Crop Through Association; Growers Aim to Beat Other States

gram from Aaron Sapro at Lexington, Kentucky: "Barley tobacco growers association just formally authorized with over forty-two thousand contracts and over three-fourths crop. Believe you will do same for bright tobacco."

With all the large tobacco growing states of the South in friendly competition for the honor of signing the largest number of growers for cooperative marketing under the same contracts, North Carolina growers are determined to pass the best record made in any other state.

Telegrams and letters are piling up at Raleigh headquarters asking for contracts and speakers, while interest among business and professional men increases as the campaign draws to a close. Bankers and business interest are greatly impressed by the way farmers have shown their confidence in the movement, and there is no longer any reason why business men should hesitate to take an active part in the wind-up campaign.

With new batches of signed contracts coming in daily, it is impossible to give final figures on the campaign to date. Production for 1920 and present sign-up figures in millions of pounds follow for some of the leading counties:

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FAR EASTERN MATTER AGAIN CONSIDERED AT CONFERENCE SESSION

Japan regards question of abolition of extra-territoriality as one of the most important to be disposed of by the conference; island empire delegation looks upon adjustment of China's foreign relations as principal item in far eastern settlement plan; spokesmen of other delegations voice sympathy for China's position and Dr. Sze expresses appreciation of attitude of other nations at conference.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan joined the other powers today in an expression of sympathy for the national aspirations of China, but added a postscript regretting any tendency toward a detailed examination by the armament conference into "innumerable minor matters" in the Far East.

In a statement omitting mention of specific points of controversy between the two countries, the Japanese delegation informed the conference delegates that their government claimed no "special rights and privileges" in the procurement of raw materials from China, harbored no "policy of territorial aggrandizement" at China's expense and was ready to join in any readjustment of extra-territorial rights which appeared "fair and satisfactory."

Objects To Details. To enter upon an examination of details, however, the statement declared, would be an attempt likely to result in "undue protraction of the discussions"—reiteration of the objection Japan has expressed repeatedly against re-opening the many controversies in the Far East.

In turn, Great Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Portugal expressed in broad terms their desire for the emancipation of China through commercial liberty and preserved territorial integrity, a general position already having the adherence of the United States. Dr. Sze, minister plenipotentiary of the Japanese government, when the discussion of principles is to give way to a more detailed consideration of China's declaration of rights.

Hold Conference. The session of the committee was the only formal action of the conference during the day, although all the national groups conferred informally among themselves and there was a conference late in the afternoon between Secretary Hughes and Baron Kato, respective heads of the American, British and Japanese delegations. All three declined to talk about the meeting, but the inference was drawn that they had met to consider further plans on procedure for the naval armament negotiations in which the three governments are the chief participants.

Meanwhile, the naval problem referred several days ago to a committee of experts, showed evidence of having deepened. At the point where the naval establishments of France and Italy soon would be assigned a tentative status beside those of the three stronger powers in the reduction plan. It was emphasized, however, that any suggested ratio the committee might consider would be carefully viewed by the delegates themselves before any national policies were laid down.

Land Armament Next. On Monday the conference will turn its attention for the moment to the question of land armament and at an open plenary session will hear from Premier Briand the French viewpoint regarding the maintenance of armies. It is not expected, however, that details of the question will be taken up until later, perhaps not before the naval armaments and far eastern questions are near solution. The committee meeting to resume the Far Eastern discussion will be held late in the afternoon after the conclusion of the plenary session.

Japan's Views. Baron Kato presented Japan's statement at today's meeting in the absence of Ambassador Shidharu, who is ill. By the Japanese spokesman China's troubles were attributed largely to internal causes with which it was declared the Tokio government had no desire to interfere, much as it desired to see China's "peace and unity" firmly established. Emphasis was laid on the dependence of Japan upon a supply of raw materials from China, but Baron Kato insisted that the rule of equal opportunity for every one must be preserved.

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Solicitor Jesse H. Davis is understood to be preparing papers, but it was stated tonight that no arrests would be made before Monday. According to Solicitor Davis Dr. Sharp was tried in Federal court several years ago on a charge of having used the mails in an unlawful manner. He came to Morehead City during the war and has been here since.

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HUSBAND AND WIFE KILLED IN WRECK

Monroe, Nov. 19.—Bartley Mullis was killed and his wife so injured that she died later, and Lex Brooks was badly hurt this week on the Eto and Marshallville road, five and a half miles from Marshallville. They were driving a Ford on a perfectly good piece of road, with nobody in sight and the wreck was complete.

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MAKES APPEAL FOR ORPHANAGES

Governor Cameron Morrison Issues Annual Thanksgiving Proclamation

Making a special appeal for the orphanages of the State, Governor Cameron Morrison yesterday issued his Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, calling upon the people of the State to offer up thanks for the year's triumphs and prayers for the future.

The proclamation follows: "One of the most sublimely beautiful religious customs of our country is that of the President of the United States, and the Governors of the various States of the Republic, annually fixing a day pursuant to law, upon which the people are officially called upon throughout the country, publicly in the houses of religious worship, and privately, to acknowledge God and render thanks, and ask for future blessings and guidance. The day has always been a sweet and sacred one throughout the growth of our State.

"The President of the United States having designated Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, as a day of thanksgiving, reunion and prayer.

"Now, therefore, I, Cameron Morrison, Governor of North Carolina, hereby designate and proclaim Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1921, as a day of Thanksgiving in this State.

"The General Assembly having designated the day, when fixed as a legal holiday, I respectfully urge that all business be suspended, and that all of our people assemble in their houses of religious worship to acknowledge and recognize Almighty God; and that in their homes, and private places, they recall God and their absolute dependence upon his goodness and mercy.

"As a State the year is richly laden with blessings for which we ought to render thanks unto Him from whom all blessings come.

"The year's triumphs along lines of material and business endeavor are unusual under all the circumstances. We should be grateful, and with devout hearts render thanks; and generously dedicate the wealth created to sacred and benevolent purposes.

"As a part of our thanksgiving devotions and manifestations, I beg that those who are strong and able remember the orphanage for the unfortunate children of our State, and that they contribute liberally through their various religious agencies to augment the capacity of these beautiful and practical expressions of religion made through the orphanages.

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"I ask the prayers of the people for strength, righteousness and aid from God, who are in authority, in State and Nation; that they may deal justly in all things affecting the discharge of their official duties."

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Goldboro, Nov. 19.—A storm that has been brewing for a long time burst when a number of tax payers through their attorneys, J. L. Morehead, of Durham; Judge D. H. Bland, and Langston, Allen and Taylor, of Goldboro, secured an injunction from Judge Bond, at Louisburg, temporarily restraining tax authorities from collecting any city taxes. The case will be tried on November 30, in the Superior Court, Judge E. H. Cramer, presiding. The lawyers named above will represent the tax payers, and City Attorney Don D. Humphrey, assisted by other able legal talent will defend the city.

CORPENING NOT HELD ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Winston-Salem, Nov. 19.—It was Desev Goins who was given a preliminary hearing in the city court yesterday and ordered held without bond for trial in superior court on the charge of burglary instead of George Corpening as stated in this correspondence. Corpening is a young man who is held in high esteem and was chief witness against Goins. This correction of an inadvertent error is made without request, but to do justice to Corpening.

CITY RESTRAINED FROM TAX INCREASE

Goldboro, Nov. 19.—A storm that has been brewing for a long time burst when a number of tax payers through their attorneys, J. L. Morehead, of Durham; Judge D. H. Bland, and Langston, Allen and Taylor, of Goldboro, secured an injunction from Judge Bond, at Louisburg, temporarily restraining tax authorities from collecting any city taxes. The case will be tried on November 30, in the Superior Court, Judge E. H. Cramer, presiding. The lawyers named above will represent the tax payers, and City Attorney Don D. Humphrey, assisted by other able legal talent will defend the city.

MATERNITY BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Washington, Nov. 19.—The House today passed in amended form the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill previously approved by the Senate. The present law was confirmed.

DETROIT MANUFACTURER MADE OFFER TO HARDING; WILL GET NITRATE PLANT

New York, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—"You bet, it's going through," Henry Ford said today regarding his proposal to buy and lease the Muscle Shoals, Alabama, nitrate and water-power projects. The terms, he added, were up to the government.

Mr. Ford, who conferred here today with Thomas A. Edison, regarding the Muscle Shoals project, was asked if he proposed to complete with Chile in the production of nitrate.

"If we can't beat the Chileans, we ought to quit," he asserted.

Referring to his visit to Washington yesterday, when he conferred with Secretary Hoover regarding Muscle Shoals, Mr. Ford said he also had had a conference with President Harding and at that time had offered to buy for junk battleships scrapped by the government as a result of the arms conference. He added that the President had enjoyed a hearty laugh.

JURY WANTS DOCTOR IN MOREHEAD HELD

New Bern, Nov. 19.—No arrests have been made as a result of the verdict of a coroner's jury at Morehead City last night that Mrs. Pauline Glover Link, who died in a local hospital last Sunday, came to her death by peritonitis, caused probably by an illegal operation and recommending that Dr. Leeson Sharp of that city be held for the superior court of Craven county for his alleged connection with it.

Solicitor Jesse H. Davis is understood to be preparing papers, but it was stated tonight that no arrests would be made before Monday. According to Solicitor Davis Dr. Sharp was tried in Federal court several years ago on a charge of having used the mails in an unlawful manner. He came to Morehead City during the war and has been here since.

Following the exhumation of the body of Mrs. Link, a specimen was taken to Chapel Hill for examination by a pathologist, but no report has been received from there. The verdict of the jury was based on the evidence of several physicians at Morehead City who conducted an autopsy.

HUSBAND AND WIFE KILLED IN WRECK

Monroe, Nov. 19.—Bartley Mullis was killed and his wife so injured that she died later, and Lex Brooks was badly hurt this week on the Eto and Marshallville road, five and a half miles from Marshallville. They were driving a Ford on a perfectly good piece of road, with nobody in sight and the wreck was complete.

The evidence about the wrecked car indicated that it was being driven at a great rate of speed. It turned over with such force that it turned a second time and righted itself and stood upon its wheels crosswise the road and was completely wrecked.

It is said by those who saw the party before the accident that Mullis and Brooks were under the influence of drink. Neighbors say that Mrs. Mullis could drive the car and was in the habit of going with her husband on occasions as a protection when he was drinking. Just how the accident came will never be known exactly. It is the supposition that Mrs. Mullis was on the road and the two men on the front seat, and that the lugger contacted with a who should drive while the car was going at high speed. Brooks has stated that he was driving and Mullis suddenly grasped the wheel and caused the wreck.

MAYOR OF DURHAM IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Durham, Nov. 19.—Dr. John M. Manning, mayor of this city, and brother in Attorney General J. S. Manning of Raleigh, was arrested today by Department of Justice agents on a charge of violating the Harrison narcotic law. The mayor waived a preliminary hearing and was released on a \$10,000 bond, furnished by friends for his presence at Federal court in Raleigh, which convenes Tuesday.

To charges against the mayor, who is a physician, grew out of prescriptions for two patients in this city. Department of Justice agents have been working on the case for the past eight months and his arrest on so serious a charge came as a shock to his friends.

Dr. Manning was elected mayor at an election held in May. He has been prominently identified with the affairs of the city for many years.

GRAVEL ROAD LET AT \$1,966 A MILE

Construction costs on gravel highways dropped to the unusually low level of \$1,966 per mile in contracts awarded by the State Highway Commission for the building of the Hav River-Yanceyville road in the Fifth District, while to lowest figures submitted in the bidding Friday on hard-surfaced roads advanced slightly to \$28,253 per mile. The contracts on the hard-surfaced projects have not been awarded yet.

Errett Sholes Company, of Durham, submitted the low figures on all three hard-surfaced projects included in the bidding Friday, bidding \$2.50 per square yard on asphalt, averaging \$2.83 from the next highest. The total of their bids on 27.16 miles of road was \$767,384.90, exclusive of bridges.

Low bids on the bridges on the three projects give a general total of \$487,770.40.

With the exception of three projects amounting to slightly more than nine hundred thousand dollars bid in by the Union Paving Company several weeks ago, the Errett Sholes Company is the largest single bid for work ever submitted to the State. The three projects were bid as separate undertakings, with slightly varying figures on each bid, being dependent upon conditions not yet arranged by the bidder.

Low bids on the five projects, in which contracts were awarded in the two gravel items, are as follows:

Davison county—Hard surfaced road from Lexington to the Rowan county line, 10.24 miles—\$292,958.90 by Errett Sholes Company. Bridges awarded to Austin Bros. for \$37,117.90.

Gulford county—Hard surfaced road from the end of concrete road east of Greensboro to Alamance county line, 11.7 miles—low bid by Errett Sholes Company at \$334,294.80. Bridges, \$17,917.00.

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