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## MEMBERS OF MOB WILL BE TRIED

Who Are Charged With Forming Operation on Middleman Will Be Tried End of His Case.

Concord, N. C., May 4. (By the Press.)—Joseph Needleman, a salesman, was ready to enter a plea guilty at the opening here of the special term of court, to be held at 10 o'clock today on charges of an alleged attack upon a young girl. His attorneys shortly before 10 o'clock gave as their reason for the delay that they could not expect to base any case of an immoral conduct rather than a capital offense, which Solicitor General was prepared to ask.

## TWO AUTO ACCIDENTS OCCUR AT SALISBURY

Craig Lingle Suffers Broken Leg and Paul Michaels Sustains Severe Bruises.

Salisbury, N. C., May 2.—Craig Lingle, eight-year-old son of Charlie Lingle, of East Innis street, is in the Salisbury hospital suffering from a broken leg, which injury was sustained when he was hit by an automobile near his home. Eye witnesses say the little fellow came from behind a parked car just in time to be struck by a car in which several young people from Rockwell were riding. The leg was broken near the hip. The accident happened near the point where the Little Bridges child was struck and killed several weeks ago.

Paul Michaels, 18-year-old boy, was struck by a car driven by J. F. Somers, of this city, this morning. The accident happened at Landis, where Michael and other young men were playing ball in the street and in trying to miss the young man Mr. Somers struck a telephone pole, breaking off the pole and badly injuring the car. An ambulance was summoned from here by Mr. Somers and the young man rushed to a Salisbury hospital, where it is said his injuries are not serious, and consist mostly of bruises.

## GREENSBORO PHYSICIAN DIES BY HIS OWN HAND

Had Been in Ill Health For Some Time—Severely Artery With a Razor.

High Point, May 1.—Dr. D. D. King, former Greensboro physician, committed suicide at Freeburn, Ky., last week, according to advices received here today. Dr. King, who had been in ill health for some time, had gone to his old home in Kentucky to visit relatives when he ended his life by severing an artery with a razor. He was a well known physician of the county and for some time was assistant to Dr. W. C. Ashworth at Linwood Springs sanatorium, Greensboro.

## TRIBESMEN INVASION IS BECOMING MORE SERIOUS

One French Outpost Has Been Captured, and Marshall Liaute Now Commands the Troops.

Fez, Morocco, May 4. (By the Associated Press.)—The Rifians tribesmen invasion of the French zone of Morocco is assuming serious proportions as Marshall Liaute, governor of the territory, has come here to be nearer the active operations. The Rifians have already captured one French outpost and have had a successful attack with a French detachment, which attempted to throw a pontoon across the Ouergha River. The French were forced back but managed to destroy the boats before withdrawing.

## Two Southern Railways Report Good Earnings

New York, May 2.—Surplus of \$4,132,000 reported by the Southern railway for the first quarter of 1925. It is equivalent after preferred dividends to \$2,824 a share on \$120,000,000 common stock, in contrast to \$2,136,000 or \$1.78 a share in the first quarter of 1924. Southern stock today reached 95.

## With Our Advertisers.

The Kidd-Prix Co. carries a complete line of everything in the stationery and music line. Phone 76.

The Ruth-Keeler Shoe Store has three styles of blonde kids. See new ad. today.

The entire stock of the Browns-Cannon Co. has been reduced for the big Removal sale. Go now and get some bargains while they last.

Boys' wash suits, substantial values and low prices, 98 cents to \$1.98, at J. C. Penney Co.'s.

You can get at the Ritchie Hardware Co. a butcher knife for only 50 cents. Worth 75 cents and \$1.00.

## War Secretary?



Return of Maj. Gen. James G. Harbord from a trip to South America, coupled with reports that the health of Secretary Weeks will not permit him to continue his office, have led to reports in Washington that Harbord will become secretary of war.

## BODY OF WOMAN IS AGAIN IDENTIFIED AS MRS. DESIDERIO

Florence Kish Voto Arrested After She Told Police She Was With Dead Woman Day Before Her Death.

Another Woman Identifies Body

Positive Body Is That of Her Daughter, Mrs. Mary Berg, Wife of Brakeman for the Railroad System.

Gary, Ind., May 4.—The mystery surrounding the death of a young woman whose partly burned body was found a week ago in the Indiana Dunes, near Chesterton, appeared to be disintegrating today with the identification of the torso by a girl friend.

Florence Kish Voto said the body was that of Mrs. Josephine Desiderio, 21, of Gary. This corroborated the identification by Mrs. Desiderio's mother, Miss Voto said she had been with Mrs. Desiderio the day before the murder. Miss Voto was arrested yesterday at South Bend and was said by the police to have been preparing to flee to Detroit.

One of the strongest points in Miss Voto's identification, according to police opinion, was the pointing out of a bit of cloth found nearby the body, as part of a petticoat she had lost, Desiderio, Mrs. Artie L. Hossler, Michigan City, however, was as equally positive in identifying the body last night as that of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Berg, 22, wife of Howell Berg, a railway brakeman.

## STATE APPROPRIATIONS MAY BE SEALED DOWN

It is Indicated Now That a Cut of \$738,338 May Have to Be Made.

Raleigh, May 2.—As director of the budget, under the executive budget act passed by the 1925 general assembly, it may be necessary for Governor McLean to scale appropriations to the state departments, institutions and agencies \$738,338 during the fiscal years of 1925-1926, which will begin on July 1, 1925.

The law neither contemplated nor authorizes any cut in appropriations voted by the general assembly where the revenue raised by the state is sufficient to meet them. However, where the revenue is not sufficient, it directs the governor, as director of the budget, to scale the appropriations to fit the revenues collected using a pro rata basis.

The governor today expressed the hope that, through some unforeseen good fortune, it would not be necessary to make any cuts. Yet, he said he must be prepared to meet whatever emergency might exist when the new appropriations are drawn upon and that, also, he must carry out the provisions of the law, which provides for a strictly "balanced budget."

Hence, Governor McLean has sent to every department, institutional and agency head in the state government, a call for accurate estimates of funds, calling their attention to the fact that the general assembly appropriated \$12,983,678 to take care of departments, institutions and agencies for the fiscal year of 1925-1926 while the revenue and other income is estimated at only \$12,245,340, which, if correct, creates a prospective deficit balance, or difference, of \$738,338.

The total appropriations for the fiscal year of 1925-1926 were fixed at \$13,374,206 and the revenue and income were estimated at \$12,245,340, leaving a prospective deficit balance for the year of \$1,128,866.

However, next year is not what is giving the governor immediate concern. He has expressed the hope that the revenues next year will be greater. Also, he hopes this year's figures will climb. But, under the law he must be prepared.

## Boy Killed Beneath a Three-Ton Truck

Mooreville, May 2.—Paul, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gartha Overcash, was instantly killed about 10 o'clock Thursday when the little fellow stubbed his toe and fell beneath the rear wheel of a three-ton truck. The unfortunate affair occurred in the front of his home on North Church street in the presence of a number of other little children. Clyde Sherrill, mechanic of the Birdall-Smith Motor company, had put new bearings in the truck and was attempting to start it after it had choked. A number of children gathered about the truck in the street. Mr. Sherrill warned the children to remain away from the truck, but Paul was obstinate, and having witnessed others pushing the big machine, he was determined to assist. When the truck started the boy fell with his head under the wheel, which crushed his skull.

## Capt. George N. Waitte is Dead At Hillsboro

Salisbury, April 2.—A message received here this afternoon announced the death at Hillsboro at noon today of Captain George N. Waitte, and stated that the funeral will be conducted at Hillsboro Sunday at 3:30 o'clock. Captain Waitte was one of the oldest conductors on the Southern railway and had been retired some years. He was the first station master at the new Salisbury depot, holding the position here until his retirement some eight or ten years ago.

## Levi Woodbury Dead

Washington, May 4.—Levi Woodbury, president of the Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co., died here early today at the age of 92.

## VERDICT IN MEANS CASE UPHELD BY COURT OF APPEALS

Decision In Case In Which Means Was Found Guilty of Having Conspired to Illegally Remove Whiskey. ORDERED TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

In Addition to This Case There Is Another Against Means Charging Conspiracy Against Government.

New York, May 4.—The conviction of Gaston B. Means, former Department of Justice agent, by a jury last July on a charge of having conspired to illegally remove liquor from a bonded warehouse, today was confirmed by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Means, who had been on bail, was ordered taken into custody that he might begin the two year term in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. A \$10,000 fine also was imposed.

Means also was convicted in a Federal court last January of having conspired with Thos. B. Felder, an attorney, to bribe government officials including former Attorney General Daugherty, to call off prosecution of a large number of defendants in a stock sale mail fraud case.

On this conviction Means was sentenced to serve an additional two years in Atlanta and pay another \$10,000 fine. Felder received no jail term but was fined \$10,000. Both convictions in this case are now on appeal.

Elmer W. Jarnecke, former secretary to Means, was convicted with him in the liquor conspiracy case and was a witness against his former employers in the bribery conspiracy case.

Jarnecke, who had appealed his conviction, later withdrew it after he became a government witness. He pleaded guilty on the bribery conspiracy indictment against him before Means and Felder went to trial.

Means, Felder and Jarnecke in the bribery case were charged with having induced a number of defendants to pay them \$65,000 on their representations that they would use the money to bribe high government officials to call off prosecutions. The stock scheme defendants were charged with having defrauded investors in stocks of the Crager System and the Glass Casket Co., of Altoona, Pa.

## INCOME TAX CUT OF 12 PER CENT IS FORECAST

Proposed Reduction Would Affect Earnings of \$25,000 to \$200,000 a Year.

Washington, May 4.—Unofficial estimates by Treasury officials indicate that a 12 per cent reduction in income taxes may be possible as the first step in lifting the Federal tax burden.

This figure, while calculated without intention to commit Secretary Mellon to any policy, was suggested today on the basis of an incomplete analysis of returns on income taxes under the present law, as shown in the March or first quarterly installment.

It would bear out previous estimates that another \$200,000,000 total reduction could be made, effective on taxes paid in 1926.

Present indications are that the Treasury will avoid making any definite proposal to the next Congress, when it is expected the tax question again will be alive. While Mr. Mellon has made no direct statement on the subject, most of his advisers favor keeping the Treasury out of the fight.

## President Is a Participant in Flagrant Misuse of the Flag

New York, May 3.—The United States flag association announced today that a flagrant misuse of the flag in which President Coolidge was an inadvertent participant, was made at the opening of the baseball season in Washington, when the box he occupied was draped with a flag "in a manner contrary to accepted standards."

President Coolidge is honorary president of the association. The flag code of the United States, it was pointed out, prohibits a fancy draping of the flag on any occasion, specifying that it should hang unfurled with the stars to the observer's left.

## Negro Dies Without Admitting Charges

Salisbury, May 2.—George Green, negro, who a coroner's jury held killed Special Officer Charles E. Kitchen early Tuesday morning, died at a local hospital late this afternoon.

Kitchen's body was found late Tuesday afternoon in Town Creek, several miles from Salisbury. Green was found shot Tuesday morning and placed in a local hospital, and was closely guarded after Kitchen's body was found. A coroner's jury Wednesday morning held that Kitchen came to his death at the hands of Green. The negro repeatedly refused to confess to the crime.

## Ku Klux Gathering is Scene of Rock Battle

Berlin, Mass., May 3.—A clash between Ku Klux Klansmen and anti-Klan sympathizers occurred at Brewer's field today when 300 members of the order, including a scattering of women and children, were stoned by a mob of 100 young men as their meeting broke up. Stones flew from both sides but no injuries were reported. The crowd was dispersed by police.

## W. L. Morris, prominent farmer of the county, entered a Charlotte hospital for an operation Sunday afternoon. His condition today is reported to be as favorable as could be expected.

## Curly and Freckles Win for Her



Auburn curls, a nose inclined to the retousse and freckles won over traditional types of southern beauty when Elizabeth Campbell of Lynnville, Tenn., was chosen by popular vote as the most beautiful co-ed at the University of Chattanooga. She is a sophomore.

## THE CHARLOTTE RACES

Everything Fast Taking Shape for the Big Automobile Contest.

Charlotte, May 1.—The speed wagons of the fifteen or more drivers entered in the Charlotte races here May 11th will be hurried across the continent by express from Fresno, where the drivers participated in the Raisin Day classic on April 30th.

It is expected that the pilots will begin to reach Charlotte not later than May 6th and by May 7th they will have their mounts on the boards. The fact that the cars are coming to Charlotte equipped with superchargers makes the drivers anxious to get on the track several days prior to the day of the races. They believe that new records will be established here, and they want to test out the extreme speed of the oval in advance.

Harry Hartz drove his care at a speed of 135 miles an hour for a few laps at Culver City. Fred Wagner, veteran starter, writes that Charlotte speedway management that the drivers will be able to develop this speed on the Charlotte track.

General Manager Osmond Barringer this week gave out a full list of Charlotte entries, which reads like who's-who in the racing world. Here it is:

Earl Cooper, Tommy Milton, Cliff Durant, Fred Comer, Peter DePaolo, Leon Duray, Harry Hartz, Bennett Hill, Reginald Johnson, Jete Kriess, Earl DeVore, Bob McDonough, Wade Morton, Phil Shafer, (Doc) William E. Shattuc, Jerry Wunderlich and Frank Elliott.

Most of these drivers will participate in the 500-mile international sweepstakes at Indianapolis on May 30th.

## MINISTER SHOWED HIMSELF ATHLETE

Goldsboro Clergyman Defends Himself Against Threatened Attacks.

Goldsboro, April 29.—Rev. J. M. Daniels, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church here, proved himself as much of an athlete as a minister when I. Harris, well known citizen of this city, drew upon him with an open knife in his hand and a threatening look on his face, the result of a collision of the automobiles of the two men.

According to reports, Mr. Daniels was driving up Walnut Street with his little son and when in front of Harris' shop endeavored to get out of the way of the other car which was backing out from the curbing. The wheels of the Daniels machine caught in the car tracks causing the car to swerve into the other and the Daniels child was thrown out in the collision.

When Mr. Daniels dashed to see if the child had been hurt, Harris advanced on him with a drawn knife and making threatening remarks, but the minister who is a splendid type of physical manhood, caught the band in mid-air and held it until Harris' son, who was near the scene, quieted his father.

Mr. Harris is well known and esteemed here and his hasty action was the result of much comment here but he was profoundly sorry after the affair was over.

## W. L. Buck, Cashier of Bank at Rowland, Ends His Life

Raleigh, April 30.—While Governor McLean was receiving the newspaper men this afternoon, telephone messages apprised him of the suicide of W. L. Buck, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, Rowland.

The bank closed its doors yesterday. The first story was to the effect that Mr. Buck had been killed in an automobile accident, but the second was that death resulted from a pistol shot. Governor McLean made no comment on the failure of the bank in his neighborhood.

## Six Balloons Ready for Race

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1.—With generally fair weather and with south and southward winds predicted, the six balloons will get away today in the national elimination race. Officials are optimistic over weather conditions and Carl Wolsley, governor at large of the National Aeronautic Association and manager of the race predicted that the American record of 1,148 miles would be broken.

## GOVERNMENT KEEPS UP FIGHT AGAINST OIL RESERVE LEASES

Special Counsel Will Appear Before Special Grand Jury Which Is Meeting Now In the Capital.

## NEW STEP WILL BE TAKEN NOW

The First Indictment Were Ruled Out, So Another Course Apparently Is to Be Followed Now.

Washington, May 4.—With the summoning of a panel for the selection of a special grand jury here today, Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special government counsel in the oil cases, were expected to arrive during the day to prepare for appearance before the grand jury for the re-opening alleged criminal phases of the leasing of the naval oil reserves.

The government counsel already has appealed from the decision of the district supreme court a month ago dismissing the criminal indictments returned last June against Albert B. Fall, former Interior department secretary, and Harry F. Sinclair, Edward L. Doheny and his son, Edward L. Doheny, Jr., all operators. Apparently a new grand jury proceeding has been decided on as another recourse in the matter.

## MARION LEROY BURTON ENDOWMENT IS CREATED

Principal Is to Retain Memorial to Late President of University of Michigan.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 4.—Establishment of the Marion Leroy Burton memorial endowment by the provision of a fund slightly in excess of \$100,000 by twenty-four Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and New York City men was announced today by F. W. Smith, secretary of the University of Michigan.

The principal is to remain as a memorial to the late president of the university, and the first beneficiary will be his widow. During her lifetime she will receive the income on the investment, and should her death occur before her children are thirty years of age they will receive the income until attaining that age. After payment to Mr. Burton's dependents ceases, the income is to be used "for such emergency purposes not properly met by tax funds, as the board of regents may determine."

## BOYS SEND ULTIMATUM TO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Will Quit Wearing Neckties Unless the Girls Stop Rolling Their Stockings.

Ashville, May 4.—Boys of the local high school today posted notice in corridors of the school warning the girl students that unless they desist "rolling their stockings," the boys will come to school without neckties.

The ultimatum becomes effective after tomorrow, according to the notice.

## Nine Perish When Boat Turns Over

Sandusky, O., May 2.—Nine out of a crew of 16 who were aboard the vessel Kelly Island, Sandusky, when it rolled over in Lake Erie between 1 and 2 o'clock today at Point Pelee, were drowned. Even others, who were aboard, were picked up. The dead: Captain William G. Stackford; Frederick Holder, of Oak Harbor, chief engineer; Oscar Dyer, fireman of Oak Harbor; Oscar Dill, deck hand, address unknown; Everett Martin, deck hand; Roland Wills, deck hand, Ollie Kris, first mate; William Myers, deck hand, all of Sandusky; Tom My, address unknown, deck hand. Captain Stackford's home is Sandusky.

## Statesville Daily Sentinel Closes Up; Receiver Named.

Statesville, May 2.—The doors of the Statesville Daily Sentinel were closed today upon petition of creditors and stockholders and J. W. Sharpe has been named receiver. It has been understood for some time that the paper has been running behind financially. An inventory is expected to be made Monday for the purpose of determining the excess of its liabilities over its assets.

Then Sentinel has been issued as a daily for some time under the management of J. L. Cotton, who came here from Knoxville about three years ago.

## May Bargain Days at Parks-Bell Co.

May Bargain Day Sale will begin at the Parks-Bell Co.'s on Wednesday, May 6th. Their buyers have just returned from New York, where they bought thousands of dollars worth of new goods, and big shipments are coming in every day. Hot weather specials will be offered at very low prices for this sale. With every \$25.00 purchase or over in the Boys' Department will be given free a baseball with rubber center. Regular 50c ball.

## Selected as Minister to Albania.

Washington, May 4.—Chas. C. Hart, Washington correspondent for the Portland Oregonian, and a number of western newspapers, has been selected as minister to Albania, to fill a long existing vacancy. Formal announcement of the appointment is withheld pending approval by the Albanian government.

## Position of the Los Angeles.

Washington, May 4.—The dirigible Los Angeles reported her position at 6 a. m. today by dead reckoning at 400 miles from Mayaguez, her Porto Rican destination.

## In some sections of China the graves are annually decorated with streamers of colored paper.

## WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS



Unsettled with local showers tonight and Tuesday, cooler Thursday.