

SONS ARE HEARING IN WATKINS CASE

Mrs. Sweat, Drake and John Owen Hearings Today

RESTRICTED IN THIS CITY

That Killed and His in an Old Albemarle

Three men today were being heard in connection with the murder of "Dad" Watkins...

Sweet, Tom Drake and John Owen are the four men with the alleged...

found in the debris legs and head cut...

from Dillon, S. C. ago, and placed in the other arrests...

Pussor testified to the night of the alleged...

According to the sheriff, he said he of the man was the Gray home, but...

When the only motive slaying of Watkins.

IN DUKE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

of This Department Undergo Re-

Changes in Staff of Duke Un-

announced today, including the resignation of several...

Under the reor-

Robert L. Flowers, university, is made the institution in...

Dr. William dean of the university vice president in...

division. The third Dr. Edmund D. school of religion, student life division...

rown, professor of many years chairing committee.

Few president of the administration under his direction is made, paying development of the completeness. During months addition of eminent educators is announced, indicating is paying no less development of a remarkable...

vice president of the Duke en-

by several of New York, Colonel Hobbes and J. C. Hub-

led over the building the campus end, was in the progress being

AGREEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY ANNOUNCED

Commercial Pact is Drawn Up Pending the Outcome of Lausanne Treaty in the U. S. Senate.

DUTIES WILL BE LOWERED BY PACT

American Goods Can Be Sent to Turkey Without the Prevailing High Tariff.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Commerce Department announced today that a temporary commercial agreement had been entered into by the United States and Turkey, under which each country grants to the products of the other most favored nation's treatment.

The agreement which is in the form of notes exchanged between Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, American high commissioner at Constantinople, and the Turkish government, is a modus vivendi which provides for temporary neutral agreement during the pendency of the treaty of Lausanne...

A direct effect of the agreement is to nullify discriminatory duties against American goods exported to Turkey and which come competition with the exports there of the allied nations. The Turkish government recently raised its tariff schedules in accordance with its treaties with the allied countries, but the rates applied to goods from other than allied nations were considered unfair.

THREE CHARLOTTE MEN ARE HELD IN DALLAS

Sons of Legislator Said to Have Been Guilty of Mann Act Violations.

Charlotte, Feb. 28.—Two prominent Charlotte men, sons of W. R. Matthews, Mecklenburg legislator, are being held in Dallas, Texas, on Mann act charges. It is expected that they will make their bonds of \$1,000 each in the United States court at Dallas tomorrow.

Also named are W. M. and E. D. Matthews, both of whom have wives here, who have sworn out warrants charging non-support and abandonment.

The two Matthews men, with J. P. Matthews, 19-year-old brother, disappeared on January 8th. J. P. Matthews was arrested, but subsequently was released in view of the fact that on the way to Texas he had married the woman whom he had accompanied away from Charlotte. The charges against him will not be pressed.

The women are Mrs. Florence Lippe Matthews, who married the younger brother, her daughter, Miss Lena Lippe, said to be thirteen years old, and Mrs. Pearl Lambert, whose husband is now in Florida. Mrs. Florence Lippe was a widow before her marriage to the younger Matthews. The women were all of this city. Mrs. Lippe recently coming here from Columbia, S. C.

THE WATSON-PARKER BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Bill Sets Up New Methods of Settling Railroad Labor Disputes.

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—The Watson-Parker bill to set up new methods of settling railroad labor disputes, was passed today by the House.

The measure, which now goes to the Senate, would provide for abolition of the Railroad Labor Board.

Final action was taken after the House had defeated, twice to 16, a motion by Representative Blanton, democrat, of Texas, to send the bill back to the Commerce Committee with instructions to provide for enlarging powers for an emergency board which the measure provides as a last resort in settlement of disputes.

Butlers Borrowed by Society Matrons.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 1.—"If you'll lend me a couple of butlers for Saturday night, I'll lend you two or three for your party Tuesday."

This has been a not uncommon conversation among society matrons, for the practice of borrowing butlers for special occasions has sprung up this season.

Part of Disconsin Law Void.

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—A part of the Wisconsin inheritance tax law, taxing gifts made within six years of death, was declared void and unconstitutional by the supreme court today in a case brought by the executors of the estate of Ferdinand Schlesinger.

BUILDING BLOWN UP AS FIREMEN LEAVE

Twelve Fire Fighters Felt Walls Tremble So They Fled Second Before the Blast Ruined Structure.

Chicago, March 1.—(AP)—Twelve firemen fighting a blaze in a frame building on the South Side early today missed death by a few seconds when a trembling of the two-story structure warned them to the street just before an explosion blew the structure into kindling wood.

The blast, believed by some to have been caused by a dynamite bomb, splintered every timber in the house, shattered neighborhood windows and showered roofs and streets with charred or burning particles.

Mike Castelli operated a grocery in the building. Castelli, reported to be wealthy and the owner of several groceries, recently had received extortion threats, police were informed. The damage was estimated at \$50,000.

COL. R. M. JOHNSTON, VETERAN EDITOR, DEAD

Retired From Active Management of Houston Post Six Years Ago.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 28.—Col. R. M. Johnston, 76, veteran Houston newspaper man and at one time an important factor in democratic political circles, died at a hospital here late today. He had been in ill health for some months.

Colonel Johnston was appointed to the United States Senate in 1913 upon the resignation of Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey, of Texas. For years he was editor in chief and president of The Houston Post.

He retired from active work in 1919, but remained as a member of the board of directors of The Post until the consolidation of that paper with The Houston Dispatch in 1924. At the time of his death he was a member of the board of directors of The Houston Post-Dispatch.

He was a Confederate veteran and at one time vice president of the Associated Press.

BROWN KETNER DIES FROM GAS POISONING

Rowan County Man Found Dead in Bed in Cincinnati Friday—Body Sent to This State.

Salisbury, Feb. 28.—The death of Brown Ketner, Rowan county man, in Cincinnati Thursday night was caused by gas, according to a message received this afternoon, by Chief Caudle, of the Salisbury police force, in answer to an inquiry sent the chief of police of Cincinnati.

Mr. Ketner was found dead in his bed Friday morning. News of his death was received here by his parents and brothers, but no particulars were obtainable. The body has been ordered sent to Salisbury for burial and interment will be made at Ebenezer church in the county. Mr. Ketner has a wife and one child, he having married since leaving Salisbury some years ago. Mrs. Ketner was not in Cincinnati when her husband died.

D. A. R. IS TO MEET TUESDAY IN CHARLOTTE

An Unusually Interesting Program Has Been Arranged.

Charlotte, Feb. 27.—Representatives of the 2,000 members of the North Carolina society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will gather Tuesday in Charlotte for the 26th annual state conference, with Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, of Salisbury, state regent, presiding.

An unusually interesting program has been arranged for the convention, which will last from Tuesday night through Thursday afternoon, with headquarters at the Hotel Charlotte. Among the principal speakers will be Dr. R. D. V. Connor, of Chapel Hill; Mrs. Carl Vrooman, of Illinois; Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, and Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte.

Will Cut Output of Alcohol.

New York, March 1.—(AP)—John A. Foster, recently appointed to take charge of the supervision of the alcohol industry throughout the country, said today that he plans a sweeping cut in the output of alcohol manufactured under government permits. It is his aim, he said, to reduce the present output from 6,000,000 gallons to 2,000,000 gallons per year.

French Steamer Now Safe.

St. John's N. F., March 1.—(AP)—The French steamer Kentucky, damaged about the bok by ice last week, has been reached by the steaming Terra Nova 250 miles south-east of Cape Spear, and is being towed stern-first to this port.

Wreck Interior of Church in China.

Chungking, China, March 1.—(AP)—Students and soldiers during an anti-Chinese demonstration today wrecked the interior of the American Adventist Church. Many persons were arrested.

The March meeting of the Ministerial Association will be held at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 6 o'clock. Several important matters are expected to come before the meeting, it is said.

SIXTY-TWO KILLED IN ACCIDENTS LAST WEEK IN THE SOUTH

Florida Led in Deaths and Injuries, the Former Being Sixteen and the Latter Twenty.

TEN KILLED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Most Serious Accident Occurred in Georgia, Mother and Four Children Dying.

(AP)—The South's weekly toll from automobile, railway train, trolley and motorcycle accidents last week was 63 dead and 320 injured, it was revealed by a survey conducted by the Associated Press today.

Florida led the 11 states in which the survey was conducted, both in deaths and injuries, the former being 16 and the latter 80.

Mississippi brought up the bottom of the list with no deaths and only injuries recorded.

The outstanding accidents of the week were recorded in Georgia. On Friday night the chief of police with another policeman were chasing a speeder at Hapeville, near Atlanta when the policeman met his death in an ensuing accident. The chief is in a serious condition in an Atlanta hospital.

Last night a mother and four children were killed and the father and a son seriously hurt when a Seaboard Air Line train crashed into their machine at Elberton, Ga.

A tabulation of states includes: North Carolina: 10 dead, 15 injured. South Carolina, 3 dead, 4 injured.

THE COTTON MARKET

Activity and Weakness Characterized the Opening, First Prices Fluctuating.

New York, March 1.—(AP)—Activity and weakness characterized the opening of the cotton market today. First prices were 12 points lower to 2 points higher. The market subsequently declined to 18.50 for May and 17.40 for October, declines of about 10 to 20 points under Saturday's close, and the lowest for the movement on old crops and for the season on new crop positions. Spot house brokers were heavy sellers of March and there also was considerable pressure from Liverpool, the South and from traders who had purchased cotton toward the close of last week, expecting a rally. Heavy selling of July contracts was believed to have represented hedge operations.

News features continued about the same as at the close of last week but speculative sentiment appeared to have become more bullish over the week-end outside of purchased shorts, and the trade there was little support to the market.

Cotton futures opened barely steady—March 19.20; May 18.60; July 18.00; October 17.50; December 17.19.

Mrs. Ida Moore Young Is Dead in Charlotte.

Charlotte, February 27.—Mrs. Ida Moore Young, wife of the late Joseph H. Young, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth, the latter her daughter, after an illness of several months. She was nearly 70 years of age, having been born April 13, 1850. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at the Dodsworth home. Dr. Albert Sidney Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Young had been a devoted member, will conduct the service.

Mrs. Young was a daughter of the late Samuel Moore and Mary Ann Bethel Moore, of Caswell county. She was married to Mr. Young in 1872. Five children were born to this union, of whom four survive. They are Robert E. Young, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Gillespie Sadler, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth and Mrs. Dolph M. Young, of Charlotte. Mrs. Young and her husband moved to Charlotte from Concord in 1885.

Mrs. Young was a sister-in-law of the late Col. Thomas Holt, governor of North Carolina.

(Mrs. Young's husband was a brother of the late Alfred B. Young and Dr. Robert S. Young, of Concord.—Ed.)

Of Interest to Chair-Warmers.

London, March 1.—How many times can a man sit down without wearing out the seat of his trousers? A definite answer to this question now can be obtained in round numbers from a novel textile testing machine devised to measure the durability of cloth used in making uniforms for Britain's army and navy. When applied recently to a new quality of cloth it was found that the wearer could sit down 97,000 times before the cloth showed the least sign of wearing through.

In boosting the "eat-more-corn" movement as a result of the crop surplus, many places in the corn belt are accepting corn as money. Marriage ceremonies at Kingston, Ill., can be paid for at the rate of \$1.50 a bushel. Two bushels will pay for a year's subscription to a Central Ill. paper. The stores there will accept corn in payment for merchandise. An armful of ear corn will also buy a movie ticket.

SECRETARY DAVIS MAY BE CANDIDATE

Secretary of Labor in Cabinet May Decide to Enter Gubernatorial Race in Pennsylvania Soon.

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—Secretary Davis, of the labor department, has under consideration the question of entering the race for the governorship of Pennsylvania.

Returning today from a trip to Wilkes Barre, he said he had been asked by a delegation there to become a candidate, but he declined to give an indication of this course.

Several men influential in Pennsylvania, he said, had urged him to make the move.

REFUSED TO PAY \$2,000 FOR BATTERY PARK HILL

Tom Dixon Recalls Really Values in Western Carolina Many Years Ago.

Asheville, Feb. 28.—Disregarding his physician's orders to remain in his room and fight a threatened cold, Thomas Dixon, Carolina's most famous author and playwright, arose from a sick bed today just long enough to address the Asheville Kiwanis club during its weekly luncheon at the George Vanderbilt hotel.

Dr. Dixon was received with generous applause and his address, which touched a varied number of topics, brought his audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm that has been witnessed at a luncheon club-in some time.

Referring to the real estate movement in western North Carolina, Mr. Dixon stated that to his knowledge land in the mountain section had always been acclaimed as being too high but that he did not believe the peak had yet been reached.

"This section," said Mr. Dixon, "was reputed to be high in its real estate values when I was a boy of 14, my father refusing to pay \$2,000 at that time for the 15 acres that comprised the famous Battery Park hill, believing the price demanded was unreasonable although he was willing to pay \$1,800 for the tract. My coming back to this section of North Carolina was influenced by many things. My eyes were first opened to the grandeur of the mountain region when as a boy of 17 I made a speech on the crest of Mt. Mitchell and the vision and imagination which possessed me at the time has always remained a most vivid mental picture.

"Another thing that influenced me was that while in New York I was constantly being brought in contact with the fact that Kankées were spending their money, time and energy in unbuilding the great south and it was a matter of pride that I should cooperate with them in bringing prosperity to a section for which I had been working these many years.

"The south has always been the garden spot of the hemisphere but it took generations for us to bring its beauty and attractiveness to the attention of the world. Had the south seen the economic faults of the slave system before a war was necessary to remove it the country would have attained its position as the greatest garden spot there was."

With Our Advertisers.

Friday, March 5th, will be Oliver Day at York & Wadsworth Co.'s store. Lunch will be served at noon, and a string band will furnish music. You are cordially invited to be the guest of the store on that day. Read the particulars in ad. in this paper.

Let the York & Wadsworth Co. put a Pathfinder tire on your car and you'll thank them. It sells for only \$7.75. See new ad.

The Parks-Bell Battery Shoppe specializes in permanent waving and marcelling. Phone 892 for an appointment.

See the new ad. today of the Reid Motor Co. about the Ford's three point motor suspension.

Everything in restful bedroom furniture at Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

Spring frocks, only \$14.75 at J. C. Penney Co.'s. Both the style and color are fetching.

Governor Will Address Auto Men.

Greensboro, March 1.—(AP)—Governor Angus W. McBean has accepted an invitation to speak before the annual convention of the North Carolina Automotive Trade Association which will be held in Winston-Salem March 17-18. The governor made known his acceptance here today. He will deliver his address on the evening of March 17th at the annual banquet of the association. Harry Clendenin, of Greensboro, is president of the State Automotive Trade Association. Lynn M. Shaw, assistant manager of the National Automotive Dealers Association, and W. B. Brunnson, sales expert, will attend the convention.

Many Stockings Exported.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(AP)—After satisfying the demands of the flapper and the more conservative needs of her family, the United States shipped 6,425,175 dozen pairs of full length stockings, rolled tops and socks, valued at \$19,754,644 to foreign countries during 1925.

These figures, made public today by the commerce department, showed, however, that the American flapper counterpart abroad is not smitten particularly on silk, more than two thirds of the total exports being made up of cotton hosiery.

Andrews Wants Chief Executive To Appoint Dry Board Of Inquiry

Head of Dry Law Enforcement Bureau Says Public Should Be Given All the Facts.

SEES GREAT NEED OF REPORT NOW

Public Does Not Know Just What to Believe Says the Dry Chief in His Proposal.

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—Creation of a commission to study the general prohibition question in all its aspects was proposed today by Assistant Secretary Andrews, of the treasury, in charge of dry law enforcement.

With both the Senate and House preparing to take steps to inquire into conditions under prohibition, and with wet and dry organizations engaged in bitter controversy over it, Mr. Andrews declared he believed the time had come for a thorough study of the question in its economic, social and all other phases.

Unwilling to make an estimate of the various effects of the law himself, the secretary declared that if enforcement was to proceed with success, some action must be taken to quiet the public mind.

In the six years since the 18th amendment to the constitution was adopted, no more of a similar nature has been made by an authorized administration official, although Congress has been asked by various groups on numerous occasions to order such a procedure.

Mr. Andrews emphasized it was his business to enforce law rather than to judge its benefits or disadvantages, and he suggested the study be left to a commission to be appointed by the President which would have trained experts and wide inquisitorial powers. He thought the investigations being proposed in Congress would be helpful, but believed they would result ultimately in the recommendation for appointment of a general commission to be composed of men of high standing and which would be outside of the political field.

Enforcement of the law so far, he said, has not been a fair test of the working of prohibition, and a fair test cannot be made until a judiciary and police sufficient to carry out the law are available.

Complaining against the continuous agitation against the law, the assistant secretary said this was responsible for the trend of drinking. He said he hoped for the time when hostesses would apologize for serving liquor, rather than for not serving it, which latter condition he said now exists to a more or less degree.

OVERMAN WILL AGAIN ENTER SENATORIAL FIGHT

Junior Senator Formally Announces His Candidacy For Another Term.

Washington, Feb. 27.—"With this long experience, I feel that I am better prepared to serve North Carolina in the future," Senator Lee S. Overman stated today in an official announcement that he will be a candidate for re-nomination as United States Senator in the Democratic primaries this spring.

In his announcement, Senator Overman makes no mention of the opposition of R. R. Reynolds, of Asheville, who announced himself as a candidate a short time ago.

In his announcement, Senator Overman states that he will not leave, Washington to campaign the state for re-nomination. No organization plans were announced by the junior North Carolina Senator.

"I shall remain at my post of duty here where I belong," Senator Overman states, "and I have the utmost confidence that my interests in this and other matters will be secure in the hands of my loyal friends."

At Senator Overman's office it was stated that all letters from the state indicated that there is no reason for Senator Overman to expect serious opposition from Mr. Reynolds.

Rev. H. M. Pressly Dies in Charlotte.

Charlotte, Feb. 28.—Rev. Harvey M. Pressly, a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church, died at his home in this city this morning after an illness of ten days. Mr. Pressly was born in Illinois September 19, 1845. His mother was a South Carolinian and his father a Kentuckian. He was educated at Monmouth College, Illinois, and studied for the ministry at Xenia Seminary, Ohio. He had resided in Charlotte for ten years or more, being the first pastor of the West Avenue Presbyterian Church, and afterward supply pastor. He was universally beloved in city and county. He was a man of wide learning and was beloved throughout Mecklenburg county.

Methodists to Gather in Charlotte This Week.

Charlotte, Feb. 27.—The Sunday School Conference which is to be held in Tryon Street Methodist Church March 1st, 2nd and 3rd will bring to Charlotte several hundred Methodist Sunday School workers from all over the conference. His meeting will be the first of the kind held in western North Carolina. The three delegates appointed by the pastor of Tryon Street Church are: Dr. S. B. Bivens, Mr. R. S. Kirby and Mrs. A. H. Weems.

Chicago has adopted a machine for traffic court use that will enable a violator to automatically plead guilty by pulling a lever. In return he will receive a ticket stamped with the amount of the fine owed. This unique piece of apparatus is intended to relieve judges.

RIGHT OF RADICALS TO MEET AND TALK

COMMUNISM ASKED

Supreme Court Will Decide Question on Case Being Carried Up From Michigan Lower Courts.

NO VIOLENCE AT MEETING PLANNED

Defense Contends Communists Can Meet Provided They Do Not Plan Any Act of Violence.

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—The right of radicals to meet and discuss the aims of the communist party provided on overt acts of violence are committed, was asserted today in a brief filed in the supreme court in behalf of Charles E. Ruthenberg, who is challenging the criminal syndicalism law of Michigan.

The case, which probably will be reached for argument at the present term of court, reviews some aspects of the celebrated Whitney case from California. In that instance the court upheld the conviction but a rehearing has been granted.

Ruthenberg was convicted after a meeting of a secret convention in the community party of America in the sand dunes near Bridgman, Mich., in August, 1922.

The brief filed today declared the Michigan supreme court in sustaining Ruthenberg's conviction, did not give sufficient consideration to the right of "assembly."

"Our constitutional and criminal law ought not to mean one thing for communists and another thing for others," said the brief.

COURT ADJOURNED WHEN NO CASES DEVELOPED

No Criminal Cases Docketed For the March Term of Vance Superior Superior Court.

Henderson, N. C., March 1.—(AP)—Within an hour and a half after it opened here today, the March criminal term of Vance County Superior Court adjourned because of lack of business to handle. There were no criminal cases docketed for trial.

Only one bill of indictment was given to the grand jury and this was continued until the next term of court. The Vance County jail has been empty since the first week in January when the January term of court disposed of criminal cases awaiting trial.

WILL BURY RICHARD E. REEVES AT MT. AIRY

Body Will Be Taken on Special Car From Summit, N. J., Where He Died Saturday.

Winston-Salem, March 1.—(AP)—The funeral of Richard Early Reeves, of Summit, N. J., who died in New York City Saturday afternoon, is to be conducted from the First Methodist Church at Summit this afternoon. A special car will bring the body, members of the family and other friends of the family to Mt. Airy, arriving there at noon Tuesday. A brief service will be held as the body is interred in Oakdale Cemetery and the party accompanying the remains will return to New York late the same afternoon.

Louisiana Tax on Corporations Upheld.

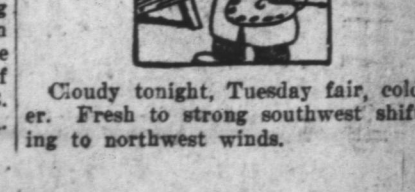
Washington, March 1.—(AP)—Louisiana tax upon corporations doing business in, but not domiciled in that state, was sustained by the supreme court today in an appeal by the General American Tank Car and other corporations against the sheriff of the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

It was contended by the corporations that a tax imposed on their tank cars operated within Louisiana was an invalid restraint upon interstate commerce, and unjustly discriminatory.

Hamback Gets Temporary Promotion. Washington, March 1.—(AP)—T. F. Hamback, first deputy prohibition examiner for Florida, was played temporarily in charge of the Florida district today by Assistant Secretary Andrews.

B. T. Simmons, administrator, retires today on account of ill health. Declaring enforcement conditions in Florida had improved considerably Mr. Andrews said he would reorganize that district at an early date.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:



Cloudy tonight, Tuesday fair, colder. Fresh to strong southwest shifting to northwest winds.