

Hearst Names Senators Who Article Said Were To Get Mexican Money

Borah, Heflin, Norris And LaFollette Named And Each In Turn Denies Knowledge Of Affair.

NO MONEY PAID, HEARST STATES

He Says Further Documents Indicate That Dudley Field Malone Was To Be Pay Off Man

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Four United States Senators, Borah, Heflin, LaFollette and Norris, were named today as the mysterious quartet recently described anonymously in the Hearst newspapers as the intended recipients of a \$1,215,000 Mexican government slush fund.

Immediately after their names were disclosed, Borah, Heflin and LaFollette appeared before the special senate committee investigating the charges, and denied that they ever had received money from such a source, or had been approached by anyone who might have been interested in such an offer.

Senator Norris, ill at his home from the sick room, denied any knowledge of the fund.

Senator Borah who is chairman of the foreign relations committee, was named in documents submitted by Wm. Randolph Hearst as having been destined to receive \$500,000.

Heflin was to have received \$350,000, according to the document; LaFollette \$150,000 and Norris presumably the remainder of the \$1,250,000.

All the four senators have been actively interested in Mexican affairs, and at one time or another each of them has disagreed with the Mexican policies of the Coolidge administration.

The American pay-off man for the slush fund was said in the document to have been Dudley Field Malone, the New York lawyer, Maloine also took the witness stand, and denied connection with any such project.

The documents were submitted to the committee by Mr. Hearst with the comment that although he had many reasons to think they had come from the official files of the Mexican government and were authentic, he did not believe any of the money had been paid over.

After Borah, Heflin, and LaFollette had entered their denials and asked for prosecution of those responsible for the charges, Sam Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic floor leader, told the committee that in his judgment "there isn't anyone who would think that any one of these senators received or would receive \$1 for any action touching their service."

BELSHE DENIES ANY PART IN WHIPPING

Offers Alibi Evidence At His Trial Now in Progress in Raleigh.

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Alibi evidence entered into the mounting court record in the trial of G. E. Belshé, charged with secret assault today, as state and defense concentrated on upholding or breaking down the testimony.

Belshé, on trial growing out of the alleged flogging by a band of masked men a year ago, of E. A. Jones, rural storekeeper, and Sam Green, his negro helper, entered a sweeping denial of all charges of having anything to do with the whipping.

He went on the stand the first thing this morning, and remained there an hour, entering a complete repudiation of testimony of Jones on the stand yesterday.

Backing Belshé's testimony that he slept in his road camp the night of the flogging, four men swore that they occupied the camp house with Belshé that night.

Girls Claim They Were Deserted

Edenton, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Saying their boy companions had insulted and abandoned them, Kathleen Jarvis, 17, of Deep Creek, Va., and Lorraine Ward, 15, of Norfolk, today awaited investigation and return to their homes. They said two boys picked them up at Elizabeth City, and rode them here.

Canton Street Littered With Dead Bodies and Total May Reach 5,000

Shanghai, Dec. 14.—Due to the interruption of communications from Canton as a result of disorders attendant on the city's seizure by radicals and recapture by nationalists, details of the engagement were meager today.

However, dispatches from Canton to various sources indicate that the death toll in the last night's national death coup, which at first were stated as probably not exceeding 4,000 will reach 5,000 at least.

Although nationalist authority has been re-established police headquarters had not yet been taken at last reports. Chinese reds with a few Russians were maintaining a determined stand there.

Disorders continued, but were lessened considerably. Japanese dispatches today state that dawn revealed countless dead bodies littering the streets. They also state that labor union headquarters was razed and innumerable shops looted. Those that remained untouched were heavily barricaded. A thousand houses were burned, Japanese dispatches say.

HEALTH INSTITUTE FOR NEGROES IS SUCCESS

State Officials Pleased With Results Of The Winston-Salem Institute

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 15.—One of the most successful and interesting experiments undertaken by the State Board of Health is the institute for negroes which the board has been holding in Winston-Salem, in cooperation with the American Child Health society, Dr. C. O'H. Laughinghouse said. The board has been agreeably surprised by the interest which has been shown in the institute both by the colored people of Winston-Salem and of the various neighboring cities, such as High Point and Greensboro. The institute meetings were held one night each week, where round table discussions are held on health topics.

"These health institute sessions consist very largely of health teaching, especially as applied to the individual, and we have been more than delighted at the results and at the manner in which the colored people of Winston-Salem, Forsyth county and of surrounding cities and towns have responded to the work," said Dr. Laughinghouse.

"There is no doubt but that this institute has given a big impetus to the development of interest in health problems and personal hygiene among the colored people, especially the laboring classes."

"Along with this health teaching, there has been interwoven in the discussions much emphasis on better morals and better and cleaner living, and the effect which this has on health. As a result we have found that a higher moral tone and a greater respect for law is developing among the colored people who have been attending the institute. Consequently, the board of health feels that this institute has been a decided success and it is hopeful that more of these institutes may be held in other sections of the state."

This institute has furnished a graphic example of the manner in which the colored citizens of the state are co-operating with the various state agencies to improve their own position and better their conditions, especially with regard to health, according to Dr. Laughinghouse.

FRANK BROWN GETS COMMITMENT PAPERS

Former Salisbury B. and L. Secretary Will Go to State Prison Today to Serve Term

Salisbury, Dec. 14.—Frank R. Brown, under sentence of from seven to ten years at hard labor in state's prison, has secured from Clerk of the Court Ben D. McCubbin his commitment papers and goes tomorrow to Raleigh to present himself to the warden of the state penitentiary. Brown has been under \$10,000 bond since his sentence in Statesville last month. Judge Finley allowing him 30 days to arrange his business before going to begin his term.

He was tried in Statesville on charges of forgery and embezzlement in connection with his handling the affairs of the Perpetual Building and Loan association, in which he was secretary, and entered a plea of nolo contendere after the state had introduced its evidence.

Christmas Sale At Efrids.

In two pages of ads, in this paper today Efrid's is setting forth in an attractive fashion some of the many attractive and useful gifts it has arranged for Christmas.

The big sale commences Friday morning, December 16th, and continues through Saturday, December 24, and all goods in the store have been marked for the pre-Christmas event. Wonderful coats, beautiful dresses, children's coats, hosiery, underwear, novelties, men's and boy's clothing, underwear and lumberjacks, shoes, dress shirts, overcoats, handkerchiefs, sweaters, blouses and shirts for boys and many other commodities in the store will be offered at prices lower than usual during this sale.

Don't fail to read carefully the ads in this paper.

Watermelon For Christmas.

Athens, Tenn., Dec. 15.—(INS)—A nice, fat and sweet watermelon will grace the Christmas tables of W. A. Lively, he told friends here.

Lively, known in McMinn county as "the watermelon king," said he raised a number of late choice melons and has saved them for Christmas and New Year. He has three that weigh sixty pounds each, considered remarkable for this time of the season.

House of Lords Approves New Prayer-Book by a Large Vote.

London, Dec. 14.—The revised prayer book of the Church of England tonight received the stamp of approval of the house of lords, by a vote of 241 to 88.

The action took the form of acceptance on the motion of the archbishop of Canterbury that the revised prayer book be submitted to his majesty for royal approval.

Republicans Control Senate Again.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Republicans today retained full control of the Senate by re-electing Senator Moses of New Hampshire, as president pro tempore, Edward P. Tayer, of Indiana, as secretary, and David S. Barry, of Rhode Island, as sergeant at arms.

THUNDERSTORM IN DECEMBER!

Sleep, according to Shakespeare, is death's twin brother, but skepticism reigns over the statement since the unseasonal thunderstorm in the wee hours of this morning awoke many Concord people from their slumber, but disturbed none of the dead.

December is presenting a variety of weather—every kind from beautiful warm days to the most severe winter has to give. Already this section has been in the throes of sleet and snow with unusually low temperatures, and close on the heels of this followed weather not unlike July.

Since the passing of the early morning thunderstorm there has been a steady rainfall and a noticeable change in the temperature from the warm to the cold.

LINDBERGH GUEST OF CALLES TODAY

Great Crowds Cheered Him When He Appeared During Day in Mexico City.

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Cheered by crowds that gathered in the streets everywhere he passed, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, this morning paid an official call on President Calles, who again felicitated him upon his brilliant flight from Washington to Mexico City.

Among the places which the American aviator visited were the foreign office, Chapultepec Palace, and the National Museum. At the latter place he inspected the famous Aztec calendar stone.

Everywhere he went, the boyish looking, smiling, good will ambassador was greeted joyfully by Mexican citizens, into whose hearts he has completely won his way.

Completely rested after 12 hours sleep and looking fit and fine the American hero made a series of official visits with American ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, and then went out to the Val Buena air field to his beloved Spirit of St. Louis, with which he has gained such worldwide fame.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD TUESDAY FOR METHODIST PASTOR

Rev. Ira Erwin, Who Died Early Friday Morning, Is Laid to Final Rest at Waco, N. C.

Bereaved at the death of their pastor and friend, a large concourse of people rendered a final tribute of love and respect to Rev. Ira Erwin at the Westford Methodist parsonage Tuesday morning, and after the impressive funeral rites by Rev. Z. Paris the body was borne to Waco, N. C., for interment.

Mr. Erwin died early Monday morning after an illness of less than two days. He was rushed to the local hospital Sunday night, but he failed to respond to treatment.

Mr. Erwin had been pastor of Westford Methodist church scarcely more than a month, coming here following his election to the Concord pastorate by the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Asheville. For almost 42 years Mr. Erwin had been active in the Methodist ministry, having filled some of the largest pastorates in North Carolina.

During his long life he served Methodist churches in Greensboro, Marion, Davidson, Franklin, Maiden, Lenoir and Asheboro. Mr. Erwin was 65 years of age.

Happy Now, Says Ruth Elder As Lindy Arrives.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 14.—Ruth Elder, who was unsuccessful in her attempt to follow the ocean trail Lindbergh blazer, tonight expressed her happiness at the word of his safe landing today in Mexico City.

"Of course, I was confident he would make it," she said, "but I couldn't help but worry when his 26 hours were up. I'm awfully happy."

"I looked out of my window last night and thought of him, poor fellow, flying alone through that lashing storm. The wind blew so hard it toppled a flower stand off my window. 'I'm so happy about it.'"

With Our Advertisers.

The J. C. Penny Co. has a wealth of unusual designs in Christmas ties. Also a big assortment of men's hose, all reasonably priced.

The Gray Shop is offering a mid-winter Clearance Sale of millinery, coats and dresses. The shop is allowing one-third off on these excellent goods. Read ad in this paper for gift suggestions, all of which can be found at this shop.

Read without fail new ad. of G. A. Moser Shoe Store in this paper. This company is offering unusual bargains in shoes, which always make acceptable Christmas gifts.

Price Specials at Belk's

Belk's is offering many attractive bargains now in suits and overcoats for men and boys, coats and dresses for girls and women, and other goods for the entire family.

VALUABLE RECORDS OF SOUTHERN LOST IN STATION BLAZE

The Old Passenger Station At Greensboro Seemed Doomed As Fire Spread Through It.

HUNDREDS AID FIRE FIGHTERS

They Could Not Check The Fire Which Is Believed To Have Been Started From Train Spark.

Greensboro, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Tons of invaluable records were being destroyed at the old Southern passenger station here and was rapidly being consumed by flames today, while every available fire fighter and scores of volunteer citizens battled furiously to stem the raging conflagration.

Starting about 8 o'clock presumably from a spark shot into the structure by a passing locomotive, the flames gained rapidly, fanned by light winds. Thousands of spectators flocked to the scene and an ambulance was held in readiness for emergency, and police established fire lines.

The building at 9 o'clock appeared doomed, the flames rapidly gaining headway, despite heroic efforts of firemen.

In addition to being used as a storage for literally tons of railroad records, a number of railroad officials had offices in the old structure, which was replaced by Greensboro's new depot several months ago.

The building is located directly besides the Southern tracks. Fire hose stretched across the tracks held up a half dozen trains and switch engines temporarily, paralyzing traffic on the main line of the Southern.

PENSION CHECKS IN HANDS OF CLERK OF COURT FOR VETERANS

Sixty-Four Widows, 36 Veterans and Three Negroes to Receive Pensions From The State.

Three Cabarrus negroes who went to the battle fields with their masters during the Civil War will receive pensions from the State of North Carolina this year, it was announced this morning by J. B. McAllister, clerk of Cabarrus Superior court, who also stated pension checks were ready for distribution among Confederate veterans and their widows in the county.

The pension checks, aggregating \$10,070, were received by the clerk of court Wednesday, and pensioners may procure them by calling or sending to the clerk's office.

Each of the 64 Confederate widows in the county will receive sums of \$50 each, while each veteran will get \$182.50. Because of the pensions for the three negroes, each of whom will get \$100, the pensions are the largest in the county's history. The last general assembly provided a measure whereby the negroes, who helped in the cause of the South, might procure pensions.

The checks, it is explained, are the regular semi-annual payments of the State in recognition of the services during the Civil War. The payments are made on December 15th and June 15th of each year, the former being in one sense a "Christmas present."

Sixty Auto Fatalities In State Last Month

Of The 136 Violent Deaths Reported In State About Half Were Caused By Automobile Accidents On The State's Highways.

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Sixty of the 136 persons who met violent deaths in North Carolina in November were killed in automobile accidents, and only eight of that number were killed in railroad crossing accidents, according to the figures released today by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health.

There were 62 deaths from automobile accidents in October, according to the record of the Bureau of vital statistics, and 71 deaths according to the record of the Automobile License Division, of the Department of Revenue. In November, 1926, there were 49 deaths from automobile accidents.

"Human life today seems to be the cheapest thing in North Carolina," said Dr. C. O'H. Laughinghouse, secretary of the State Board of Health, in commenting on the number of deaths from automobile accidents. "Yet if it is looked at from a purely economic point of view, this loss of life from automobile accidents, is not so cheap."

"For these accidents are costing the state in dollars and cents waste from \$175,000 to \$200,000 a month, or from \$2,160,000 to \$3,000,000 a year, in the loss of life alone, to say nothing of the property damage involved, which would make the figures mount still higher."

"Why is this? Because the law of averages, according to Fisher's tables shows that the life of any person who attains maturity is worth from \$30,000 to \$35,000 to his community, since the average individual in the course of a lifetime brings that much more money into the community than it cost to maintain his own life. Yet from 50 to 70 individuals are being killed by automobiles each month and nothing is being done about it."

"Suppose we say that a railroad locomotive is worth \$50,000, and suppose we assume that from 50 to 70 of these locomotives are being wantonly destroyed and blown up in North Carolina each month. What would happen? Why, every agency of the state would be employed to stop it, and every one from the gov-

ernor down would take action to stop this destruction. The National guards would be called out to patrol the railroad tracks and guard the roundhouses; an army of special deputies and officers would be recruited, and the Corporation Commission would take every step possible to protect the railroad corporation from this terrific loss of \$200,000 a month.

But because the value of human life is intangible and hard to express in dollars and cents, motorists continue to kill themselves and others at the rate of from 50 to 70 a month in North Carolina, and the state sits idly by, scarcely giving the matter a passing thought. But if an epidemic of disease should come along and take that many lives a month, thousands of dollars would be immediately appropriated to fight it.

"As it is, we are powerless to inculcate these automobile drivers against this automobile motor-phobia with any serum. But we can put them in institutions where they can break rocks instead of the laws. And this is the one and only remedy. There is no such thing as an unavoidable accident, and somebody somewhere is to blame for each one. And if those who are to blame were made to pay—and pay dearly—for taking these lives, and destroying property, then this wanton loss of life would stop. But not until this is done can we stop this constantly mounting toll of deaths from automobile accidents," Dr. Laughinghouse concluded.

Among the other violent deaths in the state during November, the largest number next to automobile deaths was from burns, with 19 deaths. Suicides came next with 18 deaths, and homicides third with 16 deaths. There were seven deaths from accidental drowning, three from railroad accidents, five from accidental gunshot wounds, and eight from gunshot wounds of doubtful nature. Some of these latter may be added to the homicide list later.

Only a more vigorous enforcement of the highway laws, and more stringent sentences by the courts can curtail the automobile deaths, those who have studied the problem believe.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opened Steady Today at an Advance of From 5 to 16 Points.

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 points to 16 points on a continuation of yesterday's buying, which evidently found further encouragement in the relatively firm showing of Liverpool cables.

January sold up to 18.62 and May to 18.95, recoveries of about 65 to 75 points from the low levels early Tuesday, but these prices attracted increased offerings which included realizing by recent buyers, and some selling attributed to a renewal of old long liquidation. The market eased off 15 or 16 points, but was holding about 4 to 5 points net higher at the end of the first hour.

The decline from the opening advance carried prices off to 18.35 for January and 18.70 for May, or about 14 points below yesterday's closing quotations. Small rallies were not maintained, and prices were within a few points of the lowest at midday.

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 18.74; Jan. 18.60; March 18.75; May 18.85; June 18.85.

THE STOCK MARKET

Prices Moved Within Narrow Limits Opening of Market Today

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Prices moved within narrow limits at the opening of the stock market today, with advanced in the majority. Aeroplane issues influenced by the success of Lindbergh's flight to Mexico, recovered smartly from the break at yesterday's close. Wright opened about 5 1-2 points up, and Curtis 3 3-4 points up.

Measles Epidemic Closes School In Watauga.

Boone, Dec. 13.—The measles epidemic has become so bad in the western part of Watauga county that Cove Creek school, one of the largest consolidated schools in the state, has been closed until after Christmas.

More than ninety cases have been reported in that neighborhood. The epidemic began at Deep Gap and has swept along the Boone highway to the state line.

Several schools in its path have had to close, but it seems that the epidemic has reached its height in the Cove Creek section.

Ex-Convict Shot As He Peers in Window.

Asheboro, Dec. 13.—N. A. Culler, notorious ex-convict, was shot in the face by Bennie Presnell, of Seagrave Monday night when Culler appeared at a window of the Presnell residence. Later he was brought by companions to Memorial hospital, Asheboro, where he was operated upon. He is not expected to live. Presnell is awaiting the outcome under \$300 bond allowed by Judge T. B. Finley presiding over Superior Court here.

SEVENTEEN BODIES LOCATED IN RUINS OF BIG ORPHANAGE

It Is Feared That At Least Fifty Persons Perished When Hospital St. Charles Was Burned.

WALLS COLLAPSED DURING THE FIRE

This Made Rescue Work Harder During Night And Firemen Could Not Search Ruins Further.

Quebec, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Seventeen bodies had been recovered today from the fire-swept ruins of the Hospice St. Charles orphanage, with the probability that the death list would mount.

A check of the missing and injured led firemen to believe that at least fifty lost their lives. Firemen were unable to search the ruins which still were smoldering this forenoon.

The bodies of seventeen children and one woman recovered indicated that they had died of suffocation rather than by fire.

The walls of the ancient structure collapsed while the fire was at its height last night, stopping rescue work.

So rapidly did the flames spread that despite every effort by the firemen, priests and citizens, little could be done to rescue the youngsters, many of whom were so overcome by sleep that they could hardly have realized what was going on.

Rescuers fearlessly entered the building and returned with children still half asleep. Many children jumped from windows, and the older children dragged younger ones along with them.

The morgue was a pitiful sight. The little bodies were all laid on slabs, and frantic mothers were there in hundreds to try to identify them.

DUKE POWER COMPANY PLANS FOR NEW YEAR

Will Spend About \$20,000,000 in 1928, According to Plans Already Drawn.

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A new issue of \$40,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent. forty year refunding mortgage gold bonds was offered today by the Duke Power Company for sale through a syndicate of New York and Boston bankers, and half of the issue was purchased by the Duke Endowment, which has headquarters here.

This action was a sequel to the recent decision of the company directors, meeting in New York, to consolidate the Southern Power Company and other subsidiary power companies of the Duke Power Company, and also was a preliminary to undertaking an extensive construction program in 1928, according to Duke officials.

One of the projects of the year will be the building of a steam electric plant near Mt. Holly, N. C., the investment to be several million dollars.

More than \$20,000,000 will be spent in 1928, according to a recent statement by W. S. Lee, chief engineer.

REFUSES TO HAVE PART IN MATTER

Oklahoma Supreme Court Members Will Not Preside Over Senate Sessions.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Members of the Oklahoma Supreme court in reaffirming their stand that the State Senate is not in legal session as an impeachment court, today declined to preside at its meeting.

Members of the Senate who organized yesterday to receive impeachment charges by the house against Governor Henry S. Johnston, Chief Justice Fred Branson, of the Supreme court, and Harry Cordell, president of the State board of agriculture, had requested that the court name one of its members as presiding officer for the impeachment trial.

West Point Won't Make Any Changes In Athletics.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Rules governing the eligibility of cadets for membership on athletic teams of the United States Military academy will undergo no further changes. Major General Edwin B. Winans, superintendent at the academy, announced today in approving recommendations of the West Point advisory council.

Another Blizzard Hits In West

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Another blizzard swept into Minnesota from North Dakota today, only a week after one severe storm had caused havoc in that state.

In the vicinity of Fargo, North Dakota, more than 15 inches of snow had fallen, the heaviest in the history of the weather bureau.

WEATHER

Rain tonight and probably Friday morning; slightly colder in extreme west and not so cold in central portion tonight; colder in central and west portions Friday.