

## Five White Prisoners Saw Out Of State Penitentiary

### CLIMB DOWN ROPE MADE OF BLANKETS AND THEN ESCAPE

Guard Discovers Flight of Men Soon After They Had Hacked Bars In Hospital

LEAVE PRISON FROM FRONT WALL EGRESS

No Trace Found of Five, Authorities Think Smuggled Hacksaw Into Building; One Was Committed To Prison Only Thursday Of Last Week

Raleigh, April 19. (AP)—Five white prisoners sawed two bars from a fourth floor window at the hospital at State Prison here early today, climbed down a blanket rope and escaped.

At 2:30 o'clock this morning the hospital guard found that five men, including one who had been in the prison only four days on a seven and a half to ten year sentence, were gone. Another prisoner said they had just climbed out of the window, but they had made good their getaway. Tracks indicated that the men stayed close to the main prison building as they went around the front of the prison property until they got to the building closest to the outside wall. They left the prison grounds by climbing the low front wall. No further trace of them had been found today.

Prison authorities said the men evidently had smuggled hacksaws into the hospital, but they were not found. The escaping were Hubert Minshaw sent to prison from Wayne county in June, 1929, to serve ten to 12 years for assault and battery, with intent to kill; Robert Calloway, sent to prison from Buncombe county in September, 1931, to serve 18 months for breaking and entering; Raymond White, received at the prison Thursday of last week from Lenoir county to serve seven and a half to ten years for breaking, entering and larceny; J. White, sent to prison from Rutherford county in November, 1931, to two to five years for breaking and entering; and Bennie Williams, sent to prison from Cumberland county in November, 1931, to serve three to five years for breaking and entering.

## OFFICERS OF A. C. L. ARE ELECTED AGAIN

Railroad Shows Sharp Decline in Revenues During the Year 1931

Richmond, Va., April 19. (AP)—All officers were re-elected and Roland L. Redmond, New York lawyer, was added to the board of directors today at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company.

The new board of directors re-elected all officers, with Lyman Delano, of Wilmington, who succeeded the late Henry Harris as chairman of the board, retaining his position.

The report of the president and directors showed that operating revenues for 1931 were \$54,088,000.97, a decrease from 1930 of \$8,931,951.91, or 11.7 percent, and were less than in any year since 1917.

Operating expenses for 1931 aggregated \$43,188,470.55, a decrease of \$6,486,989.16, or 13.06 percent from 1930, being lower than in any year since 1918.

## Cannon Denies He Favors Submission of 18th Amendment

Washington, April 19. (AP)—The idea that Bishop James Cannon, Jr., now favors re-submission of the prohibition question to the public was smothered by the cleric yesterday in an address before the Women's National Committee for Law Enforcement.

Because a few days ago, in Richmond, Bishop Cannon said he approved the basal elements of former Governor Byrd's plan for making possible a direct popular vote on repeal, modification or re-submission of the eighteenth amendment, the noted dry leader has been interpreted widely as favoring an arly popular vote on the question.

## Mellon Greeted in England



No conquering hero or ocean flyer ever was tendered a more enthusiastic reception than that accorded to Andrew W. Mellon, newly-appointed United States Ambassador to Great Britain, on his arrival at Southampton, Eng., aboard the S. S. Majestic. Photo shows Mr. Mellon being greeted by Councillor F. Woolley, Mayor of Southampton, who dressed up in his robes and chain of office for the occasion.

## Japanese Troops Rushed Northward in Manchuria

Fresh Outbursts by Chinese Insurgents Reported; Troop Movement Not Caused by Any Friction With Soviets, Japanese Officials Declare

Mukden, Manchuria, April 19.—(AP)—Fresh outbursts of insurgent activity in the district around Cheng-chiatun, Paonan and Tunliao, caused Japanese military officials to rush reinforcements northward today from the territory southward to Mukden to strengthen northern garrisons. Officials said that these re-distributions of troops were due entirely to the activities of the Chinese insurgents, and were in no way connected with the reported friction between Japan and Soviet Russia over questions concerning the Chinese eastern railway.

A dispatch to the Rengo News Agency from Chientao said the Japanese expedition clashed with 200 insurgents near Faltsookow yesterday, and, after a two-hour battle, the Chinese fled, leaving 30 dead on the field. The Japanese losses were given as two killed and ten wounded.

## Special Venire To Try Couple in Buncombe County

Asheville, April 19. (AP)—A special venire of 100 was ordered in superior court here today for possible jury duty in the case of Morris and Margaret Eerooks, charged with murdering eight year old Willie Mae Mashburn. A coroner's jury recently found that the child, who made her home with the Brooks, died March 16 as a result of cruelty and lack of attention from the Brooks.

## PATROLMAN BADLY BEATEN UPON ROAD

South Carolina Highway Officer Left By Roadside By Assaultants Who Make Escape

Manchester, S. C., April 19.—(AP)—Three unidentified men attacked and severely beat State Highway Patrolman Leo Jenkins on a highway about a mile south of here today and fled, leaving the officer beside the road.

Jenkins told officers he was cruising alone when he saw a light coach carrying a North Carolina license wabbling as if the driver were drunk. He stopped the car, told the driver he was under arrest and was putting him into the police car, when the men, two companions, struck him with some blunt instrument.

## MOST CANDIDATES HAVE NOW FILED ENTRANCE NOTICE

All Three Gubernatorial Contestants Have Paid Fee; Reynolds Is To File Any Day

FRIDAY MIDNIGHT IS THE ZERO HOUR

All of Ten Congressmen Have Filed Notices, and Only Two of Them, Abernethy and Weaver, Have Opposition; Entries in New Sixth District Made

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Mc Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE, Raleigh, April 19.—The only candidates for the Democratic nomination for major offices in the June 4 primary who have not yet formally filed with the State Board of Elections and paid the filing fee, are Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, one of the five seeking the nomination for the United States Senate from Senator Cameron Morrison; J. Q. Gilkey of Marion, opposing Congressman Zebulon Weaver for the eleventh district nomination for Congress, and R. Lawrence, of Winston-Salem, who has been a candidate for the nomination for commissioner of labor. John Bob Baggett, who for a while was supposed to be a candidate for attorney general, also has not filed, but few expect that he will actually become a candidate now.

The last date on which candidates may file for congressional or State offices is midnight Friday, April 22. This leaves four days yet for those who have not yet filed to pay their fees and get on the primary ballot.

In the contest for the nomination for the U. S. Senate, Senator Cameron Morrison, Frank D. Grist and Tam C. Bowie have filed for both the short and long terms, while a newcomer to the senatorial contest, Arthur Simmons, of Burlington, has also filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination. George W. DePriest, of Shelby, has filed as the Republican candidate for the senatorial nomination. Reynolds is expected to file any day now as a Democratic candidate for both the short and long terms.

In the contest for the nominations for the House of Representatives in Congress, all of the State's ten present congressmen have filed for reelection. So far, only two of these ten congressmen have opposition, although there is a hot fight on in the next sixth district for the nomination there. The two congressmen having opposition are Charles L. Abernethy of the third district, who is being opposed by State Senator Rivers D. Johnson, and Representative Zebulon Weaver of Asheville for the tenth district, who is being opposed by C. S. Davis, of Asheville, who has already filed against him. J. Quince Gilkey, of Marion, is also expected to file for the nomination against Weaver in the tenth district.

In the new sixth district, three candidates have already filed for the congressional nomination, but two or three others are expected to get on the list before it closes Friday night. Those already in are J. Clyde Ray, of Hillsboro, and Charles T. LeVines, of Greensboro, and William B. Umstead.

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## SIXTH MAN IS OUT FOR LABOR OFFICE

Raleigh, April 19.—(AP)—B. Fritz Smith, former Trinity College now Duke University, football star, and reading clerk in the 1931 State Senate, today formally announced his candidacy for the State commissioner of labor, subject to the Democratic primary. His entry is the sixth for the office which Frank D. Grist is vacating to seek a seat in the United States Senate.

## DRIVE FOR JOBS IS 531,218 TOTAL

New York, April 19. (AP)—The United Action campaign for a million jobs for the jobless reported continued progress today. Officials said that 87 communities reported 9,378 wage earners put back to work yesterday bringing the total to date to 531,318.

## WALNUT COVE HAS DISASTROUS BLAZE

Walnut Cove, April 19. (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin here early today destroyed four buildings valued at \$10,000 in the heart of the town.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness, possibly followed by showers in the extreme southwest portion; not much change in temperature.

## U. S. Debt Payment Omitted By British Budget, But Pay Is Expected By Washington

'WET' PETITIONS FLOOD CONGRESS



Pretty Phyllis Stoffel, who comes from Ohio, is shown holding some of the "wet" petitions presented to Congress containing the names

of 5,000,000 persons. The petitions contain signatures of persons in 32 states and 319 congressional districts.

## Robinson Blocks Pritchard's Case

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—Senator Robinson, Democratic leader in the Senate, today blocked consideration of a resolution to consider the Pritchard-Bailey contest of North Carolina. Chairman Shortridge submitted the election committee's report recommending consideration of the contest brought against the election of Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, by George M. Pritchard.

## ANTI SALOON BODY MAY HAVE TO QUIT

Lack of Funds Seriously Crippling Organization in North Carolina

Raleigh, April 19.—(AP)—The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League is seriously threatened with having completely to stop its activities due to decreased receipts. Rev. C. A. Upchurch, State superintendent, said today. Annual collections to finance the work of the organization, which operates exclusively on current receipts from voluntary contributions, have decreased almost three-fourths during the last six years. The extensive program outlined by the League will have to be materially curtailed or abandoned unless prohibitionists of the State rally to the cause, Mr. Upchurch said.

## METHODIST WOMEN START CONVENTION

Dr. Gilbert Rowe, of Duke University, To Deliver Opening Sermon Tonight at Wilson

Wilson, April 19. (AP)—Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Duke University, will deliver the opening sermon of the 20th annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, here tonight. Committee meetings this afternoon were fore-runners of the night session.

## EMBASSIES MAY GO AS ECONOMY MOVE

Uncle Sam May Close Numerous Foreign Posts To Save Costs

BUDGET SHARPLY CUT

Stimson Informs Senator Absolute Elimination in Some Instances Would Be Better Than So Much Trimming

By CHARLES F. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer, Washington, April 19.—One good thing about the state department is that it is comparatively in-expensive—speaking, of course, in terms of millions, as it naturally is necessary to do in any discussion of items of governmental expense.

It is, in fact, the least expensive of all executive departments except the department of labor, which had only \$14,994,200 allotted to it for the fiscal year 1931-32, against \$18,506,366.34 for the department of state. Therefore it follows that suggestions looking toward state department economise cannot possibly run to such fancy figures as it is perfectly practical to mention in a consideration of reduction in, say, the navy department's \$343,000,000 estimate of its 1932-33 requirements. A sum equal to the state department's whole appropriation could be cut from the navy department at the sacrifice of a single cruiser.

If, however, Uncle Sam's aim is to save as much as he can, with a minimum of loss in what he is getting for it, it is difficult to think, off hand, of any department on which he can save a larger percentage than in the state department.

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## PLEA IS MADE FOR CONDEMNED NEGRO

Bennie Griffin Under Sentence To Die in Chair Friday; May Get Reprieve Before Then

Raleigh, April 19.—(AP)—Tyré C. Taylor, executive counsel, today heard counsel for Bennie Griffin, Durham Negro, under sentence of electrocution from Onslow county, plead for clemency for the man.

Mr. Taylor did not make known his decision, but it appeared likely that at least a temporary postponement in the execution of the Negro set for Friday, would be granted. Griffin was convicted of murdering Melver Trice. Two appeals to the supreme court have been refused.

## MORATORIUM NOT TO BE PROLONGED SENATOR ASSERTS

Reed of Pennsylvania Says If Any Hint Has Been Given, He Knows Nothing About It

PAYMENTS NOT DUE UNTIL IN DECEMBER

Says He Is Convinced Great Britain Will Meet Her Obligations Here; British Budget Balanced; Chancellor Says Worst of Stress Over

Washington, April 19. (AP)—Failure of the new British budget to provide for war debts and reparations payments brought a quick declaration today from Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, and administration spokesmen, that this government expected to make the debt collection.

Foreign nations do not have to make any debt payments to the United States under the one year moratorium until next December, and if there is any hint of a continuation of that moratorium, as suggested in the British budget, senator Reed said he did not know of it. He called last night at the White House.

Speaking of the floor, Senator Reed said:

"I am convinced the British are honest, and that provision will be made for the payments to us in December and in June next year. I am perfectly certain that no responsible American official has given our British friends any reason to think these payments will not be expected to be made."

## BRITISH BUDGET BALANCED; BELIEVE WORST HAS ENDED

London, April 19. (AP)—Great Britain has balanced the budget with a surplus of 796,000 pounds, approximately \$3,000,000.

Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, informed Parliament in his budget speech today that there will be no relief for the income tax payer this year, and that the beer tax will remain at its present level. Thus the tax-payer will have to stagger along under his present burden for another year.

The chancellor of the exchequer expressed the hope that the worst of Great Britain's economic depression is over.

## TILLETT IS PUT ON G. O. P. TICKET

Charlotte Man Runs For Lieutenant Governor in Place of Jackson

Greensboro, April 19.—(AP)—W. H. Foster, secretary of the State Republican Executive Committee, said today that Boone Tillett, Charlotte attorney, will make the race for lieutenant governor in the election next fall.

Foster's announcement was made after he had talked with Tillett on long distance telephone.

The Charlotte man will fill the place on the G. O. P. State ticket left vacant yesterday by the decision of Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, not to run.

Jackson was nominated as the running mate for Clifford Frazier, the Republican gubernatorial candidate, as the State convention in Charlotte last week.

Tillett opposed Jackson in the convention voting, but was defeated. Jackson said yesterday the pressure of official and private business made it undesirable for him to enter the race.

## STATE FUNERAL FOR SENATOR HARRIS, GA.

Washington, April 19.—(AP)—The Senate today ordered a State funeral for Senator William J. Harris, of Georgia, to be held in the Senate chamber at 11 a. m. tomorrow, carrying out the wishes of the widow.