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EHRINGHAUS NOW EXPECTED TO BE PRIMARY LEADER

Maxwell Second and Then Fountain Is The Way Raleigh Dopesters Figure It Out

MORRISON LEADER FOR SENATE RACE

But His Margin Is Narrow, With Grist Making Surprising Gains; East, With A. D. MacLean's Backing, Turning Rapidly to Ehringhaus Banner

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 21.—Political circles here are becoming more and more convinced that J. C. B. Ehringhaus will be high man in the primary for the nomination for governor, with A. J. Maxwell probably in second place and R. T. Fountain third. If this is the case, as now seems to be more likely daily, many are speculating as to whether or not Maxwell will demand a second primary, although it is generally agreed that if Fountain should be in second place, he undoubtedly will demand another primary.

With regard to the campaign for the senatorial nomination, most of the observers here believe that Senator Cameron Morrison is still in the lead but a very slim lead and that while he will probably be high man in the first primary, he will not be able to get a majority and that a second primary for senator will be almost inevitable.

There is considerable doubt now, however, as to whether Robert R. Reynolds or Frank D. Grist is now in second place. The Reynolds followers are still confident that he is leading both Grist and Tam C. Bowie for second place, and that he has a good chance to nose Morrison out in the first primary. But the Grist followers, and even some of those who are friendly to Grist, maintain that he has been making steady and consistent gains for the last two or three weeks and that he is going to give both Morrison and Reynolds a lot more trouble than either of them has expected. Bowie, who has been in some eastern counties recently, has

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Kills Sweetheart, Then Himself, When Girl Rejects Him

Toy, April 21 (AP)—A youth's love, which turned to insane rage, was blamed today for the slaying of Miss Dora Jane Russell, 26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell, well known family, and the suicide of Lee Freeman, 24.

As officers reconstructed the tragedy, Freeman followed the girl as she started to work after a quarrel, because she refused to give up another man to whom she was engaged. At a small clearing on the path from her home to the highway near here, Freeman shot her twice, killing her. Then, moving on about 50 yards, he shot himself in the head.

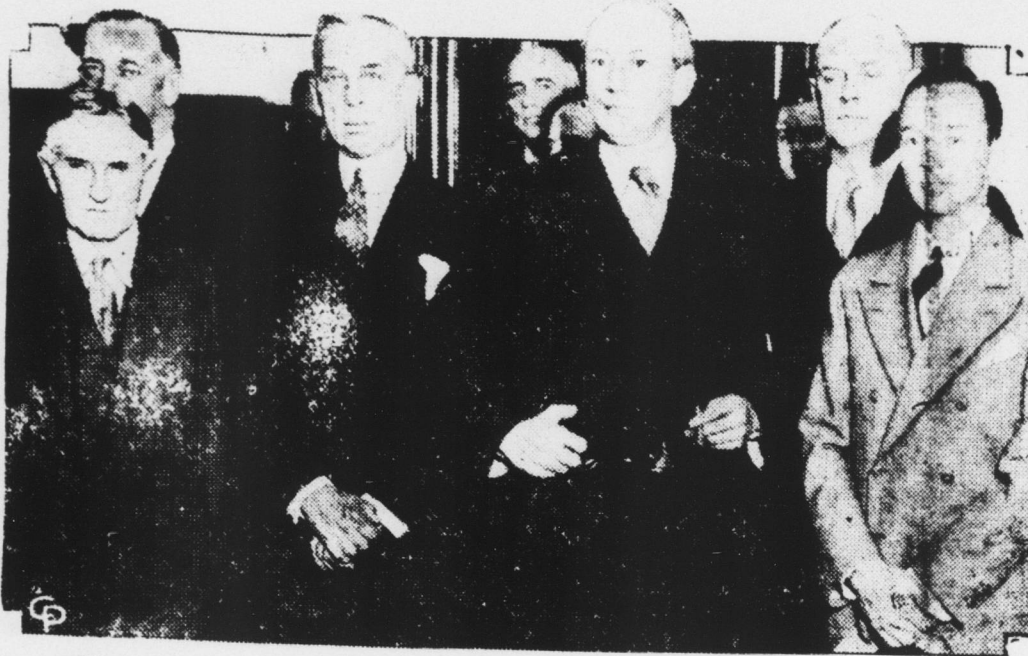
Carpetbag Bonds Of More Interest Than Is Thought

Bonds Amount to \$13,315,000, But Interest For 64 Years Would Be \$44,729,000, Making Total of \$58,240,000 If State Were Sued and Lost

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 21.—The almost forgotten "carpet bagger bonds" issued by the so-called "Carpet Bag" legislature of 1865-69, are of much more significance and importance right now than the average person realizes, since if the United States Supreme Court should allow another State to sue North Carolina for payment of these bonds and the suit should succeed, the amount this State would have to pay would be \$58,240,000, of which \$13,315,000 would be principal, and \$44,729,000 interest on this principal for 64 years at 6 per cent.

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who with former Governor A. W. McLean succeeded in persuading the State of Connecticut to abandon its efforts to secure permission to sue North Carolina on these bonds in 1928, does not believe any state or country can successfully sue the State. At the same time, Mr. Brummitt believes it wise to do everything possible to forestall the possibility of a suit. Last week he was visited by

AUTOMOBILE MAGNATES FIGHT PROPOSED U. S. TAX



Some of the best known automobile figures appeared before the senate finance committee in Washington, offering testimony in an effort to defeat the proposed sales tax on automobiles. Left to right, above, are Harvey Firestone, automobile tire magnate; Alfred P. Sloane, president of General Motors; Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, member of the committee, and Edsel Ford.

Foster Father Is Freed Of Death Asheville Girl

Reports Progress



One of the three women in the world holding a post as a foreign commissioner for a government, Miss Elizabeth Hume, of the Italian department of the United States Department of Commerce, at Rome, is shown at Washington, D. C., after she had made her report. Miss Hume has been in the Foreign Service since 1919 and has been a commissioner since 1928.

DR. J. B. COUNCIL, OF SALISBURY, PASSES

Salisbury, April 21 (AP)—Dr. J. B. Council, 48 years a physician here, and member of a well known North Carolina family, died today after a long illness. Dr. Council was 76. He was born at Sumter, S. C. Later he moved to Boone, N. C., and then settled here. He leaves a widow, two daughters, two sons, his mother, and several brothers and sisters.

Morris Brooks Was Accused With His Wife of Cruelty and Neglect of Little Child

CASE OF HIS WIFE MUST GO TO JURY

She Is Charged With Murder of Willie Mae Mashburn, 8; Judge Sink Holds State Failed To Make Out Case Against Man and Allows Freedom

Asheville, April 21.—(AP)—Morris Brooks, of Asheville, was freed of a charge of murder of Willie Mae Mashburn, his eight-year-old foster daughter, by a court order today, but his wife, Mrs. Margaret Brooks, who was indicated with him, remained on trial.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink, granted a defense motion for a non-suit as to Brooks when the State completed presentation of its evidence, but denied a similar motion on behalf of Mrs. Brooks.

He ruled that the State had not presented sufficient evidence to warrant its charge against Brooks, but held the jury should pass upon the charges with respect to Mrs. Brooks. The two were accused of beating the child, and through negligence, causing her death on last March 23.

Proposes Delay In Tax Sales In May Until Fall

Charlotte, April 21.—(AP)—Joe A. Sherrill, chairman of the Mecklenburg county commissioners, today proposed postponement of the annual tax sales by counties from May until the fall.

Asserting other counties held the same view as Mecklenburg, he sent messages to Governor O. Max Gardner, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, Attorney General D. G. Brummitt and Charles M. Johnson, secretary of the Local Government Commission.

TWO MEN FIRED ON IN STRIKE REGION

Newspaper Man and National Guard Officer Mistaken as Miners

Cadiz, Ohio, April 21.—(AP)—Snipers fired five shots from ambush at a newspaper man and an Ohio National Guard officer early today in the eastern Ohio coal mine strike area. None of the shots took effect, but two men, William C. Howells, of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and Captain Kenneth Kerr, of Wilmington, had to run to escape. Captain Kerr said he was convinced the snipers thought he and Howells were working miners and that the shots were intended only to intimidate them. The shooting occurred as Captain Kerr and Howells approached the Somers mine near Adena, scene of recent rioting.

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Automobiles Kill 45 During March

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 21.—Automobiles in March killed 45 persons and injured 384, according to the figures released today by L. S. Harris, chief of the automobile license division of the State Department of Revenue. In February only 38 were killed in automobile accidents and 322 injured. In March, 47 were killed and 345 injured. Reckless driving was assigned as the cause of accidents in which 10 were killed and 62 injured, while speeding was given a sthe cause of accidents in which 12 were killed and 35 injured.

SMITH STATEMENT WEAKENS EFFORTS

Diminished His Influence In Any "Stop Roosevelt" Movement

HE HAS LOST SUPPORT

His Stand Proving Unpopular; Some Competent Judges, However, Believe Dinner Speech To Sui's Advantage

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer. Washington, April 21.—So astonishing is the transformation in Al Smith that a weird story actually is in circulation representing him as engaged in an effort to discredit himself with a view to leaving a clearer avenue

TOWNSVILLE LINE SEEKS U. S. FUNDS

Railroad In This County Asks \$32,000 of Finance Corporation

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—The Townsville Railroad Company, of Townsville, N. C., today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to borrow \$32,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to pay an indebtedness now due and \$21,000 interest on the road's funded debt.

Legionnaires In Kinston For Big Rally Had There

Kinston, April 21 (AP)—Legionnaires from all parts of North Carolina were here today to take part in the annual rally and festival of the Kinston post of the American Legion.

The celebration will reach its peak late today with a parade, followed by a dinner expected to be attended by 1,500 Legionnaires and guests including Governor O. Max Gardner and other State officials and officers from Fort Bragg.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

BILL TO REQUIRE STABILIZATION OF PRICES APPROVED

House Banking Committee Reports Favorably Measure Affecting Wholesale Commodities

ECONOMY BOARD IS MAKING PROGRESS

Senate Hears Criticism Of Federal Salary Cuts, And Hoover Plan To Suspend Lines Operated by Shipping Board

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—The House Banking Committee approved today the Goldsborough bill directing the Federal Reserve Bank to increase and stabilize wholesale commodity prices.

An amendment was inserted on motion of Representative Stevenson, Democrat, South Carolina, fixing as the proper level the average of prices from 1931 to 1929.

Eugene Meyer, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, has opposed the measure, which was reported favorably without a record vote.

SOME PROGRESS IS MADE UPON AFFECTING ECONOMY

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—Progress was made today by the House Economy Committee toward formulating a Federal retrenchment bill, while criticism of a proposed cut of government salaries was voiced in the Senate.

The House committee struck from President Hoover's retrenchment program the proposal to suspend operation of ship lines by the Shipping Board on January 1, 1933.

It also tentatively decided against suspending Federal contributions to vocational education during 1933, but agreed to propose a plan for that action thereafter.

15 Cents Tax Is Falling Short of Expected Amount

Raleigh, April 21.—(AP)—Collection by the State of the 15 cents property tax to aid in running the six months school term to total \$2,722,318 to date, State Treasurer John P. Stedman said today.

Stedman said he expected total receipts for the tax to be about \$3,500,000 for the fiscal year, instead of \$4,500,000 as originally estimated.

Counties Making Good Job Paying Debts to State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 21.—The 25 or 30 counties that still owe the State various sums on amounts borrowed from the State building fund and used to construct new school buildings, are showing a fine spirit of cooperation and are doing everything possible to pay the amounts now due and past due.

On January 1 these counties owed more than \$700,000 to the special building fund and the literary fund for loans advanced from these funds for school building purposes. By April 1 this amount had been reduced to only about \$380,000, while the total now due is only about \$325,000, showing that the counties have paid off more than \$35,000 of the mount they owe these two state building funds since April 1.

CLEMSON OFFICIAL WAS \$16,000 SHORT

David H. Henry Kept Tag Account on Fertilizer Sales In State

Clemson College, S. C., April 21.—(AP)—Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Clemson College, said today David H. Henry was approximately \$16,000 short in the handling of the State fertilizer tag fund when he killed himself March 14.

Dr. Sikes said an audit of the tag fund, which has been in progress for several months, has been completed and the report placed in his hands. Henry's office is conducted separately from the other college offices. All other college funds were found to be "100 percent," Dr. Sikes said.

GROUPS ARGUE AGAINST MANY TAX BILL ITEMS

Operation at 11 Days



At the tender age of 11 days, little Benjamin Davidson, son of Mrs. Nina Davidson of Zanesville, O., underwent a double operation for appendicitis and hernia. An appendicitis operation at this age is extremely rare, according to medical annals. Both of the operations were successful. The infant is shown with his mother.

Two Cents Tax On Checks, Proposed by Secretary Mills, Is Attacked By One Group

REVALUATION OF ESTATES OPPOSED

Pennsylvania Revenue Head Says It Would Cost States \$150,000,000; Others Object to Taxes on Stock Transfers and Realty Taxes

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—Opposition to Secretary Mills' proposal for a two cents tax on checks was laid today before the Senate Finance Committee by a number of witnesses as it neared the end of hearings on the billion dollar revenue bill.

Mills estimated the tax would yield about \$96,000,000, but its opponents asserted it would harm business, the farmer, be unfair to those issuing small checks and would yield less revenue.

Clyde L. King, Pennsylvania secretary of revenue, protested against the retroactive provisions for revaluation of estates to allow for shrinkage which he said would cost the states \$150,000,000.

Other witnesses objected to stock transfer and realty taxes and provisions covering mine depletion allowances.

TWO FLIERS HELD IN DEATH INQUIRY

British Flier and Australian Aviatrix In Jail In Miami Killing

SUICIDE, THEY CLAIM

Haden Clark, 31, Dead Man, and Captain Lancaster and Mrs. Keith-Miller Had Been Living at the Same House

Miami, Fla., April 21.—(AP)—Haden Clark, 31, aviation pilot, and free lance writer, died today from a bullet wound he received shortly before dawn at the house where he was living with Captain W. N. Lancaster, former British flier, and Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, Australian aviatrix. Mrs. J. M. Keith-Miller, Australian aviatrix, and Captain W. N. Lancaster, an associate in several flights here and abroad, were held in county jail today for investigation in connection with the shooting of Haden Clark, airplane pilot, at their home here early this morning. Statements given police by the two ascribed a wound in Clark's head to a suicide attempt.

In a statement to police, Mrs. Keith-Miller said she was awakened shortly before daylight by Lancaster, who told her Clark had shot himself. She said she went with Lancaster to the place where Clark's body lay, and saw a pistol under the body. "I pulled it out about an inch by the barrel," she said.

Lancaster, formerly an English flier, said he and Clark retired on the porch, where they slept, about 12:45 a. m.

"We talked for about an hour of home troubles and several other things," he said, "We were in a cheerful mood and laughing."

He said he was awakened by a report sometime later and heard Clark "making a funny noise."

COTTON SPINNING ABOUT STATIONARY

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The cotton spinning industry was reported today by the Census Bureau to have operated during March at 90.1 percent of capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 92.5 percent in February this year, and 91.2 percent in March last year.

Negro Slayer of Durham Is To Die In Chair Friday

Raleigh, April 21.—(AP)—Bennie Griffin, termed Durham's "toughest gangster" during his trial for murder in Orange county, is expected to be electrocuted in State's Prison tomorrow.

Griffin was convicted of the murder of Melver Trice, another Negro. The killing followed a quarrel over liquor.

Governor O. Max Gardner was not in Raleigh today, but before leaving the city, he intimated he would not extend the Negro clemency. The governor said last night he had made a thorough investigation of the case, and saw no reason to interfere with the verdict. Neither the trial judge nor the solicitor have recommended mercy.

NAMES OF SHORTS ARE MADE PUBLIC

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—Names of the big short sellers on the New York Stock Exchange as of April 8 were made public today by the Senate Banking Committee in its investigation of bear raids to depress the market.

TWO MEN DEAD IN WRECK ON N. & W.

Caused by Bolts Pulled From Switch; Boy, 18, Held For Questioning

Portsmouth, Ohio, April 21.—(AP)—A passenger train on the Norfolk and Western railroad was wrecked 20 miles east of here early today and two of its crew were killed. Railroad investigators said the wreck was caused by the malicious removal of four bolts from a switch. An 18-year-old boy was arrested for questioning.

The train, No. 4, bound from Cincinnati to Norfolk, Va., was traveling 65 miles an hour when it struck the switch. Two express cars and the locomotive overturned and two coaches, one Pullman car and a mail car, were derailed, but remained upright.

House Committee Warned By Dawes Against Bonus

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—Charles G. Dawes today warned the House Ways and Means Committee that payment of the soldiers bonus in new currency would have a disastrous effect upon the country's monetary and economic life.

The head of the Reconstruction Corporation related that his organization had loaned \$243,248,000 to 1,520 banks up to April 1, and said the general withdrawal of bank deposits in the United States had stopped. He said 25 percent of the loans were to banks in towns of less than 10,000 population, and 66 percent in towns of less than 100,000. "The important thing in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is the number of depositors affected," he said.